

JTB XIII. THE LIFE OF CHRIST

Scripture: the four Gospels

Historical Era: ca. 5 B.C. to 30 A.D.

The Prophesied Forerunner, John the Baptizer

(1) Isaiah 40:1-11 "a voice calling in the wilderness" (cf. Matthew 3:1-3; Mark 1:3; Luke 3:4-6; John 1:23)

(2) Malachi 3:1 "I send my messenger before your face" (Matthew 11:7,10; Mark 1:2; Luke 7:24,27)

(3) Malachi 4:5,6 "I will send you Elijah the prophet" (Luke 1:13-17; Matthew 11:11-15; 17:10-13; Mark 9:11-13)

(4) John 1:29-34 John's main function was to officially announce and present Messiah to Israel through water baptism and the Holy Spirit

Jesus, the Messiah

(1) Born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2) at the proper time (Daniel 9:25f) to a virgin (Isaiah 7:14) of the proper lineage (Matthew 1:1-17; Luke 3:23-28)

(2) Presented by the forerunner and authenticated by heaven (John 1:29-34; 12:28,29; Matthew 17:5)

(3) Jesus was credentialed (Acts 2:22,23) by miracles of power and mercy (Matthew 9:35,36), authority over nature (Mark 4:36-41; John 2:1-11; 6:11-14), authority over disease and death (Matthew 4:23,24; Luke 7:11-15), and authority over the demons (Mark 1:23-27). He also claimed the authority to forgive sins (Matthew 9:2-7).

(4) Jesus taught God's truth with authority (Matthew 7:28,29; John 7:46) and in parables (Matthew 13:34,35). His words fed the spiritually hungry (Luke 19:48; 21:38).

(5) As foretold, Jesus was rejected and suffered (Psalm 22; Isaiah 53)

(6) In His death, Jesus inaugurated a new covenant & provides atonement (Isaiah 42:6; 55:3; 61:8; Jeremiah 31:31-34; 32:40; Daniel 9:27; Ezekiel 34:23-25; 37:26; Malachi 3:1; Matthew 26:28; Luke 22:20; 1Corinthians 11:25; Hebrews 8:6-13; 9:15-17; 12:24; 13:20)



(7) In His resurrection, Jesus fulfilled Old Testament promises (Acts 2:24-31; 13:30-41; Luke 24:25-26,45-47), His own promises (Matthew 16:21; 17:9; 26:32), and destroyed Satan's main weapon - the fear of death (Hebrews 2:14,15)

(8) Between His resurrection and return to heaven, Jesus convincingly presented Himself alive to His apostles and explained the New Covenant to them (Matthew 28:18-20; Luke 24:25-51; John 20 & 21; Acts 1:1-8).

- (9) the Day of Pentecost saw the New Covenant instituted (Acts 2)
- the promised Holy Spirit sent (Joel 2:28-32; Acts 2:1-21,38)
 - the resurrected Christ preached (Acts 2:22-36)
 - the divinely-given terms of salvation announced (Acts 2:37-40)
 - the growing and functioning body of Christ (Acts 2:41-47)

The Christ Promised to Come Again:

(1) to save, change, and transport to heaven those awaiting Him (John 14:1-3; Philippians 3:20-21; 1Thessalonians 4:13-18; Hebrews 9:28)

(2) to destroy those who reject/ignore their Creator (2Thessalonians 1:7,8)

(3) So, what do you believe about Jesus? (John 3:16-21)

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