

JESUS THE MESSIAH

Sacrifice for Sin

God is holy and man is sinful. God's Word says, "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). Our sin has separated us from God, for God in His holiness cannot have fellowship with sin. Man was created to have fellowship with God, but because of his sin (anything that is against the righteous requirements found in God's Law) he is prevented from that fellowship. "The wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23a). The ultimate result of this death is an eternity in Hell. This spiritual death forces a separation from God. But God desires a relationship with us so He created a way for us to be reconciled to Himself by sending His Son to pay the price for our sin. "God demonstrated His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). Jesus died for us, taking the punishment for our sins onto Himself. He Who knew no sin became sin for us. His sacrifice has cleansed us from all our sins and allows us to enter into fellowship with God the Father (see 1 John 1:7). Jesus said in John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." Jesus is the only way by which man can be forgiven of sin and reconciled with God.

Prophesied Messiah

From the time of the fall of man in Genesis, God's people have been waiting for the Messiah. He has been prophesied of throughout the Old Testament. Acts 10:43 and Luke 24:44 declare that Jesus is the fulfillment of these prophecies. In fact, there are over three hundred prophecies in the Old Testament that point to and are fulfilled in the life of Jesus Christ. These prophecies were made hundreds of years before Christ was born. Listed on the next page are a few of the hundreds of prophecies fulfilled in Jesus.

PROPHECIES FULFILLED IN JESUS

SUBJECT	OT PROPHECY	NT FULFILLMENT
Place of birth	Micah 5:2	Matthew 2:1
Born of a virgin	Isaiah 7:14	Matthew 1:18
His triumphal entry	Zechariah 9:9	John 12:13-14
Betrayed by a friend	Psalms 41:9	Mark 14:10
His rejection	Isaiah 53:3	John 1:11
Hands and feet pierced	Psalms 22:16	John 20:27
Crucified with sinners	Isaiah 53:12	Matthew 27:38
His resurrection	Psalms 16:10	Acts 3:15
His ascension	Psalms 68:18	Acts 1:9

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JESUS IS FULLY GOD

Jesus possesses all the attributes of God. Read the following verses and write the attribute(s) of God that is displayed in each verse.

a) Matthew 28:18-20

b) John 16:30

c) John 1:1-2

d) Acts 3:14

e) Colossians 1:16-17

f) 2 Thessalonians 3:3

g) Jude 21

Many people say that Jesus was simply a good person or a prophet, but that is not what Jesus claims of Himself. What does Jesus claim in John 10:28-30?

What does God say of Jesus in Hebrews 1:8?

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JESUS IS FULLY MAN

Read the following verses and write down how Jesus' humanity is seen in them.

a) John 4:5

b) John 4:7

c) John 11:35

d) Hebrews 2:10

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JESUS' LIFE

When the angel announces Jesus' birth, what purpose did he give for Jesus' coming into the world? (See Matthew 1:21 & Luke 1:31-33)

In what way did Jesus develop as a youth? (See Luke 2:52)

What are some activities of Jesus' public ministry? (See Matthew 4:23)

What was His purpose in selecting the twelve apostles? (See Mark 3:14)

What characterized Jesus' leadership? (See Luke 22:25-27)

How can you follow in Jesus' example?

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JESUS' DEATH

What did Jesus say would happen to Him? (See Matthew 16:21)

What kind of death did Jesus suffer? (See Matthew 27:35)

With what kind of men did He die? (See Matthew 27:38)

Did Jesus go to the cross voluntarily? Explain your answer. (See John 10:17-18)

What is man's condition apart from Christ? (See John 3:18)

What did Jesus do to bring condemned men to God? (See 1 Peter 3:18)

Can anything be added to Christ's death to make you more acceptable to God? (See Hebrews 10:12-14)

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JESUS' RESURRECTION

After Jesus died and was buried, what was done to secure His tomb? (See Matthew 27:62-66)

What was discovered at the tomb on the first day of the week? (See Matthew 28:1-7)

What did the angels say about Jesus?

What were the soldiers bribed to say? (See Matthew 28:11-15)

According to 1 Corinthians 15:1-8, how many people saw Jesus after His resurrection?

What is the essence of the Gospel message? (See 1 Corinthians 15:1-5)

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JESUS' ASCENSION

Read Acts 1:9-11. Briefly describe Jesus' ascension.

Where is Jesus now? (See Acts 1:1)

What did the two men in white predict? (See Acts 1:11)

What is one reason Jesus has gone to heaven? (See John 14:1-3)

According to Ephesians 1:20-23, to what place of authority has Jesus ascended?

From this position, over what does He reign? (See Ephesians 1:21-23)