

The Life of Christ Period

Lesson #13

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Well, we have finally arrived to the climatic moment we all have been looking at for the past few months. A few might seem like a long time to you, but when you consider the big picture, we began with the Creation of the universe. We've covered a lot of ground.

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Bible Periods

- The Antediluvian
- The Postdiluvian
- The Patriarchal
- Egyptian Bondage
- Wilderness Wanderings
- Conquest of Canaan
- The Judges
- The United Kingdoms
- The Divided Kingdoms
- The Kingdom of Judah
- The Babylonian Captivity
- The Return of the Exiles
- Between the Testaments
- The Life of Christ
- The Church of Christ

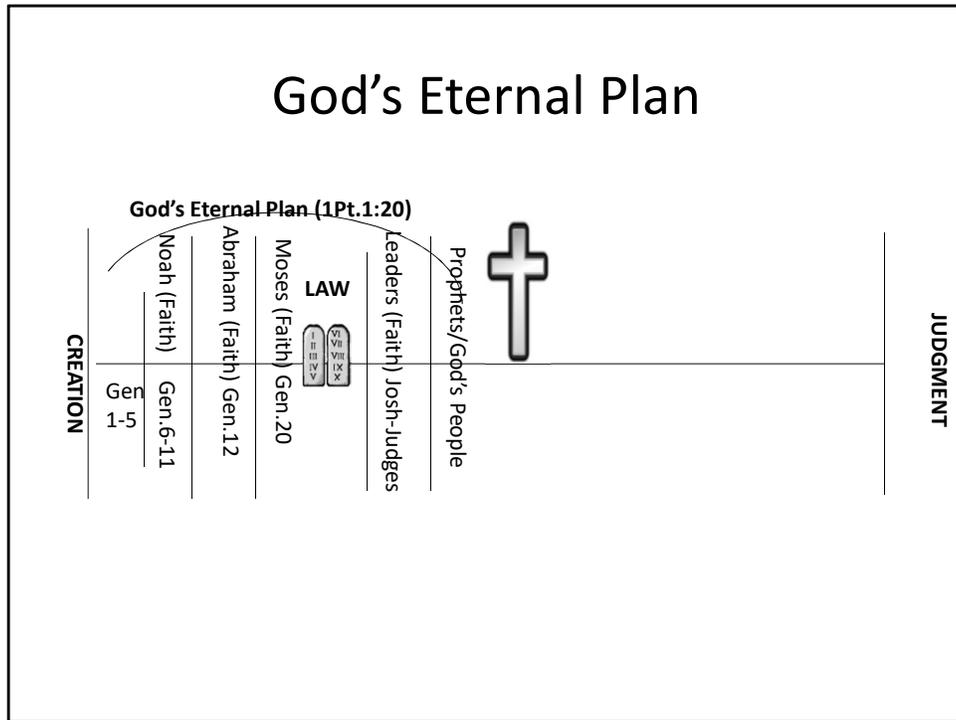
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- We also created a diagram that helps us identify God’s redemptive plan

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(After reading bullet #3, go to next slide revealing diagram).

God's Eternal Plan



(Explain the chart from creation to Christ).

Just as an overview of the things we will quickly touch on tonight are the following...

The Period Known as the Life of Christ

- From His birth to His ascension
- Covers Matthew 1 through John 21
- It covers a span of about 34 years; BC4-AD30
- Main Points
 - John the one who immersed
 - Jesus, from birth to baptism
 - From baptism to transfiguration
 - From transfiguration to crucifixion
 - From the crucifixion to the ascension

(Read entire slide).

His Earlier Years

- His birth was announced and recorded in (Mt.1:18-Mt.2:1-23; Lk.1:26-Lk.2:1-8)
- He avoided death as an infant (Mt.1:13-15)
- He was about His Father's business at the age of 12 (Lk.2:41-52)

His birth was announced and recorded: When some folks speak of the birth of a child, it has been called a miraculous thing. But in Jesus' case it truly was miraculous. Mary, a virgin, was conceived by the Holy Spirit with a child. She, as a virgin, gave birth Jesus. Let's think about His name for a moment. Someone read Matthew 1:19-21. Jesus' name literally Salvation is of the Lord. Another name given to Jesus was "Immanuel" which means, "God is with us" (Mt.1:23). What conclusions do you draw from His names? Jesus came to save man from his sins and show us the Father. His name identifies not only who is, but what He was to do!

He avoided death, and miraculously so when Joseph was warned in a dream that Herod was killing all of the male babies (Mt.1:13-15 read). Why was Herod killing the baby boys? They were a threat to his power. In his mind, he was the one and only king. So Jesus' family departed for Egypt (how ironic); centuries earlier it was a place of slavery; now it's a sanctuary for the Savior of the world!

He was about His Father's business as a young boy. His parents would travel to Jerusalem every year for the Feast of the Passover in caravans. As you recall, when the feast was completed, and Jesus' family headed back home, he was left behind. After three days of traveling and searching for Him, they finally found Him in the temple. His mother did what every mother would do, she spoke very firmly to Him and told him that she was worried sick (my words) about Him. How did Jesus respond? Don't you know that I must be about my Father's business! What does that tell us? First, Jesus knew at a very young age He wasn't just some ordinary child. He was extraordinary! Also, it implies that He had a job to do. So

ultimately, what do think His job was? Anyone dare mention 1Pt.1:18-20! Imagine carrying about this knowledge at such a young age.

Things go silent for about the next 18 years in Jesus' life.

Jesus' Ministry

- Jesus began His ministry when He was about 30 years old (Lk.3:23)
- He was immersed by John (Lk.3:21)
- He was tempted in the wilderness (Mt.4:1-11; Lk.4:1-13; Mk.1:12-13)



It worth pointing out that when John baptized Jesus, John provided us with a clue regarding Jesus' job (Jn.1:29-30 read).

Jesus' Ministry

- First disciples are called (Jn.1:35-51)
- First miracle performed (Jn.2:1-11)
- First cleansing of temple (Jn.2:13-22)
- Converses with Nicodemus about conversion (Jn.2:23-3:1-21)
- Christ's disciples baptize others (Jn.3:22-23)
- Woman at the well (Jn.4:4-26)

The first disciples Andrew found Simon, and Philip found Nathanael.

The first miracle was turning water into wine.

The first cleansing of the temple is seen (Jn.2:13-22), and seen again in (Mt.21:12-17).

Jesus discusses the new birth with Nic.

Jesus' disciples were baptizing followers in preparation for the Kingdom (Jn.3:22-23). We know that it wasn't for the remission of sins b/c Jesus has yet to be crucified and resurrected (Rom.6:1-6).

Jesus then reveals Himself the Samaritan woman. According to the Jews, this conversation was wrong on so many fronts. Jesus didn't allow cultural barriers to prevent her from the hope of heaven! It was also in their discussion that Jesus revealed the scriptural parameters for worship "spirit and truth" (4:24).

We then begin to see Jesus in full swing regarding His ministry...

First Period of His Galilean Ministry

- Beginning of His ministry in Galilee (Mt.4:12-17)
- The Nobleman's son (Jn.4:46-54)
- First rejection at Nazareth (Lk.4:16-30)
- Preached in Capernaum (Mt.4:13-17)
- He calls more disciples (Mt.4:18-22)
- Officially all the twelve apostles are listed (Mt.10:2-4)

(Read bullets). A key passage is (Mt.4:17).

Galilean and Perea Ministry

- Sermon on the Mount (Mt.5-8:1)
- Many miracles
 - Centurion's servant (Mt.8:5-13)
 - Raising widow of Nain's son (Lk.7:11-17)
 - Raises Jairus' daughter (Mt.9:18-26)
 - Feeding the multitudes (Mt.14:13-23; 15:32-38)
- Many messages
 - Warned of scribes and Pharisees (Mt.12:22-45)
 - Parables by the sea (Mt.13:1-53)
 - Peter's confession (Mt.16:13-20)
 - Jesus' foretells of His death and resurrection (Mt.16:21-28; 17:22-23)

(Read bullets).

Jesus then visits Jerusalem...

Judean and Perea Ministry

- Feast of the Tabernacles (Jn.7:1-52)
- Woman taken into adultery (Jn.8:1-11)
- I'm the light of the world (Jn.8:12-30)
- Spiritual freedom (Jn.8:31-59)
- Hosted by Mary and Martha (Lk.11:1-13)
- Death and resurrection of Lazarus (Jn.11:1-44)

(Read bullets).

Jesus' Final Week

- Jesus' triumphal entry (Mt:21:1-9)
- His betrayer is identified (Mt.26:17-25)
- Jesus institutes the Lord's Supper (Mt.26:26-30)
- The grief at Gethsemane (Mt.26:36-46)
- Jesus was arrested (Mt.26:47-27:19)
- All disciples fled and Peter denied Christ (Mt.26:57-75)
- Jesus' trials (Mt.26:57—27:25)
- Christ's crucifixion (Mt.27:26-50)
- Jesus' resurrection (Lk.24:1-7)
- Jesus' instructions to His disciples (Mt.28:16-20)

(Read Bullets).

What an emotional week! It's hard to read it without becoming emotional wouldn't you agree?

Let's focus briefly on Jesus' final instructions (Mt.28:16-20 read). Luke's account has Jesus stating repentance and remission of sins was to be preached. Mark's view is that Jesus said belief and baptism were instructed for one to be saved.

Did Jesus ever discuss baptism before in His ministry? Yes (John 3:5 read it). Where is one placed other than in Christ when baptized based upon John 3:5? In His Kingdom.

It is His Kingdom and the events surrounding His Kingdom that we plan to study next Wednesday Lord Willing.