

JESUS – Just who Is He?!?

The birth, life, death and resurrection of the “Messiah” were all prophesied about in the Old Testament. (Messiah – the Anointed One, the Deliverer) (Prophesied – predicted, foretold) Jesus fulfilled all of the prophesies about the Messiah.

You can find some of the prophesies, and how they were fulfilled by Jesus in these scriptures: Isa. 11:1-10 = Matt. 1:1; Dan. 7:13 = Mark 8:38; Jer. 31:31-34 = Heb. 12:24; Isa. 11:10 = Rom. 15:9-12; Isa. 53:4-6 = I Pet. 1:18-20; Isa. 7:14 = Matt. 1:18; Mic. 5:2 = Luke 2:4-7; Mal. 3:1-2 = Mark 1:1-8; Zech. 9:9-10 = Matt. 21:1-11; Zech 11:12-13 = Matt. 26:14-15; Isa.53:12 = Matt. 27:38; Isa. 53:7 = Mark 15:4-7; Ps. 34:20 = John 19:32-36.

Who is Jesus? _____ Mark 1:1 - Son of God. [God in human form]
[Mark 1:10-11, 16:39; John 1:29, 32-34; Matt. 27:54; I John 4:15]

Just how did He live His life?

1. When He was 12 years old – He amazed the religious teachers. Luke 2:41-47.
[The Bible doesn’t talk about His years between 12-30. But, it was customary for the oldest son to learn the father’s trade. In the Bible, Jesus is called a “carpenter” (Mark 6:3).]
2. He was about 30 years old when He began His public ministry. Luke 3:23.
3. The first thing Jesus did was to get baptized by “John the baptist”. This was God’s way of publicly announcing that Jesus was His Son! Matt. 3:13-17. [Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3: 21-22]
4. Then, Jesus went into the “wilderness” and was “tempted”. Luke 4:1-13
[Matt. 4:1-11; Mark 1:12-13]
 - a. Why did Jesus allow himself to be tempted? The only way that He could set the example of how to resist temptation for us, was if He was tempted just as we are.
 - b. How did Jesus resist the temptations that the devil tempted Him with?
 1. He knew the scriptures (God’s Word). Matt. 4:4
 2. The devil also used the scriptures to try to make Jesus sin. Matt. 4:5-6 But, again, Jesus used scripture to rebuke satan.
 3. So, how can we resist the temptations that come our way, if we do not know the scriptures?! By knowing God’s Word, we can have the right words at the right time.
 4. Jesus had the power and authority to do whatever He wanted to do. Yet – He resisted temptations to sin by using God’s Word!
 5. Luke 4:13 – “When the devil had finished tempting Jesus, he left Him until the next opportunity came.” In other words – the devil took every opportunity that he could, to try and get Jesus to sin!
 6. Heb. 4:14-16. Jesus faced all the same tests as we do! And, He did not sin!

5. His first miracle was as a favor to His mother. John 2:1-11. Jesus performed many miracles in the last 3 years of His life. Go to page 1467 of your Bibles – they are listed there.
 - a. By looking at the list of miracles that He did, what do you see that He did? _____ He took care of people's needs! He healed people physically. Fed hungry crowds. He forgave people. He took away their fears – by calming the storm, and by walking on water to get to them. He took away sorrow and grief by bringing the dead back to life. He even paid taxes with a miracle (Matt. 17:24-27)
 - b. Jesus performed these miracles to take care of people's needs. What should we learn from this?
 - c. Because we think that we can't perform miracles, should we NOT try to take care of other people's needs? NO!!! We should use what God has given us to help others.
 - d. What are examples of some things that God has given us, that we can use? (talents, abilities, money, our homes, food, cars, etc.) Name some talents and abilities – sports, teaching, listening, being able to do different things – work on computers, write, paint, etc. God even uses secretarial skills!
 6. Jesus was a teacher. What did He teach? Look at page 1466 of your Bibles. See where it says "Teaching Parables"? From there down the rest of that page and to the top of the next page – these are all about what Jesus taught. [Parable=a short simple story from which a moral lesson may be drawn.]

As you look at the long list of Jesus' teachings, you can see that He taught about many things: The Kingdom of God; Service and Obedience; Prayer; Neighbors; Humility; Wealth; God's Love; Thankfulness; about Christ's Return; and God's Values.

His teachings were to help us understand God. To help us to know what we should believe and why. But, most importantly, He taught of how God loves each one of us – no matter who we are! Or what we have done! And He showed that love to everyone He met.

We could do individual studies on almost all of the things that Jesus taught about!

He was an awesome teacher. Crowds gathered wherever He went. They stayed and listened to Him teach for DAYS literally! They wouldn't even leave to go and get more food. So, Jesus fed them – spiritually and physically. Matt. 15:32-39.
- MAYBE WE SHOULD SPEND MORE TIME READING WHAT HE TAUGHT TO THEM!**
7. Read "Ultimate Issues" on page 1050.... "Who is Jesus?"
Who do you say that Jesus is?
 8. Through Jesus each one of us can become a child of God. Through Him we can become the person that He wants us to be. Through Him we can be right with God. As we take more time to study Jesus and His ways, with a willing heart and mind, His Holy Spirit will help us to see things the way He does. To understand His ways. To think more and more the way that Jesus does – which will lead to our actions becoming more and more like His. We will begin to see the "fruits of the Spirit". Gal. 5:22-23. Read "Fruit" on page 1287 of your Bibles.