

# The Life of Christ

Course 2

Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life..." John 14:6

Lesson 1



Jesus Christ

## The Promised Savior

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*"These are written, that we might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God..."*  
*John 20:31*

**Dear Friend,**

It may come as a surprise to you, but the One who created the universe once lived here on this earth as a man. This One is none other than the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

God wants us to believe on His Son and to receive Him as our Savior. In order that we might know who Jesus is and what He did, God has given us four accounts of the life of His Son. These books in the Bible are called "the gospels," and they are named after the four men whom God chose to write them - Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. At the beginning of his gospel, John speaks of the Lord Jesus as "the word." John wrote,

*"In the beginning was the Word (the Lord Jesus), and the word was with God, and the Word was God."*  
*John 1:1*



The Word became flesh

From this verse we see that the Lord Jesus has always existed. Before anything was created, He was there with the Father. He is God! But there was a time when the Son of God became a man and lived on this earth. The Bible says,

*"And the Word was made flesh, and dwells among us..."* John 1:14

### Christ's Coming Was Foretold

Hundreds of years before the Lord Jesus came into the world, His birth was foretold in the Bible. "Foretold" means that men of God told what was going to happen long before it happened.

God told the prophet Isaiah that, one day, a miracle child would be born. Isaiah wrote,

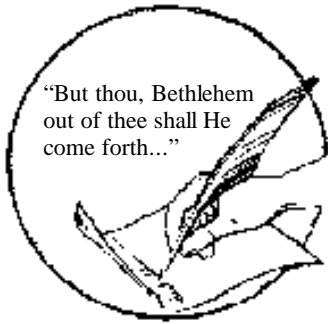
*"Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel."*  
*Isaiah 7:14*

"Immanuel" means "God with us." This Child, who was promised by God, would not be an ordinary child; He would be God coming to be with us.

Also, this Child would be born of a virgin; that is, He would be born of a pure, unmarried woman. He would be conceived by the Holy Spirit.

The Jewish people called this promised Savior "the Messiah." In the Greek language, He is called: "the Christ."

The Bible foretold exactly where the Messiah would be born. The prophet Micah wrote that He would be born in Bethlehem.



For hundreds of years, God's people watched and waited for the Savior whom God had promised. Then, one day, an angel appeared to a virgin named Mary. She was frightened, but the angel said, "Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call His name JESUS.

*"He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David: And He shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of His kingdom there shall be no end." Luke 1:30-33*

The Lord was born in Bethlehem just as the prophet had said. The angel of the Lord appeared to the shepherds in nearby fields to tell them the good news:



*"Fear not: for, behold, I bring you tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto*

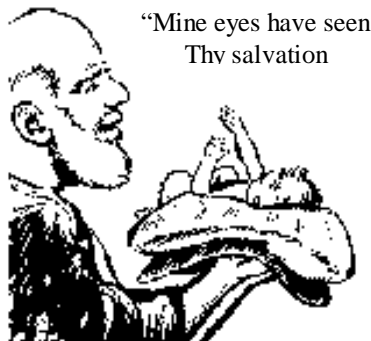
*you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." Like 2:10,11*

When Jesus was just a tiny baby, Joseph and Mary took Him to the temple. At the temple there was a holy man of God named Simeon. God had revealed to Simeon that, before he died, he would see the promised Savior.

When Simeon saw the baby Jesus, he took Him in his arms and said,

*"Lord, now let Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy Word: For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation." Luke 2:29, 30*

What do these verses tell us? They tell us that our salvation is a person. The Lord Jesus Christ Himself is our salvation.



Simeon saw the promised Savior

### Jesus is the Christ

When the Lord Jesus was 30 years old, He began to teach and to preach. But when He came to His people, the Jews, most of them did not believe in Him. They did not receive Him as their Savior. The Bible says,

*"He came unto His own, and His own received Him not." John 1:11*

Is Jesus really "the Christ," the promised Savior? Yes, He is! How do we know? We know because the Bible says so.

The Bible declares plainly that Jesus is the Christ. In John chapter 4, we have the account of Jesus talking with the woman at the well. The woman thought that Jesus was a prophet. She said to Him, "I know that Messiah comes, which is called Christ: When He is come, He will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I that speak unto thee am He."

Later on, when Jesus asked His disciples,

*"Whom say ye that I am?" Simon Peter said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Matthew 16:15,16*

Jesus was pleased with Peter's statement, and He said,

*"Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-Jona: for flesh and blood has not revealed it unto you, but My Father which is in heaven." Matthew 16:17*



Now let us look at God's Word and see how Jesus has fulfilled the prophecies concerning the promised Savior. These prophecies were written many hundreds of years before Christ was born.

### BORN IN BETHLEHEM.....

**Prophecy:** Micah 5:2

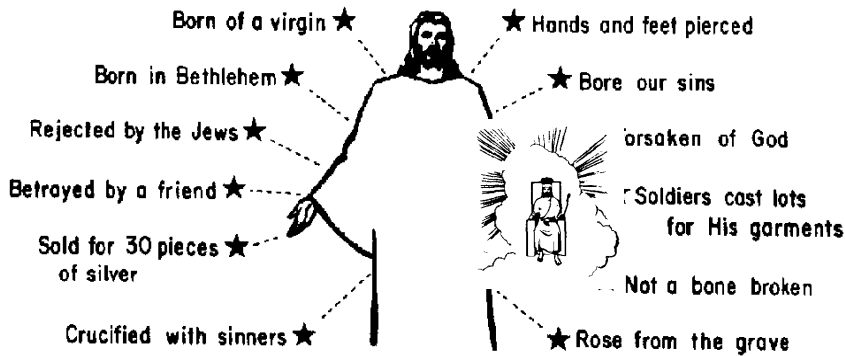
*"But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall He come forth unto Me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting."*

**Fulfillment:** Matthew 2:1

*"....Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king....."*

### BORN OF A VIRGIN...

**PROPHECIES THAT HAVE BEEN FULFILLED IN CHRIST**



**Prophecy:** Isaiah 7:14

*"Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel."*

**Fulfillment:** Matthew 1:18

*"Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as His mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost."*

**HANDS AND FEET PIERCED...**

**Prophecy:** Psalm 22:16

*"...they pierced My hands and My feet."*

**Fulfillment:** Luke 23:33

*"And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified Him...."*

**BEFORE OUR SINS....**

**Prophecy:** Isaiah 53:6

*"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all."*

**Fulfillment:** I Peter 2:24

*"Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree...."*

**FORSAKEN OF GOD....**

**Prophecy:** Psalm 22:1

*"My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken me? Why art Thou so far from helping me...?"*

**Fulfillment:** Matthew 27:46

*"And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying... My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?"*

**SOLDIERS CAST LOTS FOR HIS GARMENTS....**

**Prophecy:** Psalm 22:18

*"They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture."*

**Fulfillment:** Mark 15:24

*"And when they had crucified Him, they parted His garments, casting lots upon them, what every man should take."*

**NOT A BONE BROKEN...**

**Prophecy:** Psalm 34:20

*"He keepeth all His bones: not one of them is broken."*

**Fulfillment:** John 19:33

*"But when they came to Jesus, and saw that He was dead already, they brake not His legs."*

**REJECTED BY THE JEWS...**

**Prophecy:** Isaiah 53:3

*"He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief...."*

**Fulfillment:** John 1:11

*"He came to His own, and His own received Him not."*

**BETRAYED BY FRIEND...**

**Prophecy:** Psalm 41:9

*"Yea, Mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of My bread, hath lifted up his heel against Me."*

**Fulfillment:** Mark 14:10

*"And Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went unto the chief priest, to betray Him unto them." (See also John 13:21-26)*

**SOLD FOR 30 PIECES OF SILVER....**

**Prophecy:** Zechariah 11:12

*"...They weighed for My price thirty pieces of silver."*

**Fulfillment:** Matthew 26:14,15

*"Judas Iscariot... said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver Him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver."*

**CRUCIFIED WITH SINNERS...**

**Prophecy:** Isaiah 53:12

*"...He was numbered with the transgressors; and He bare the sin of many...."*

**Fulfillment:** Matthew 27:38

*"Then were there two thieves crucified with Him, one on the right hand, and another on the left."*

**AROSE FROM THE GRAVE...**

**Prophecy:** Psalm 16:10

*"For Thou wilt not leave My soul in hell; neither wilt Thou suffer Thine Holy One to see corruption."*

**Fulfillment:** Matthew 28: 5,6

*"And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye; for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay."*

(NOTE: There are many other prophecies in the Bible concerning Christ. Some of them have to do with His Second Coming. These have not been fulfilled as yet, but they will be fulfilled when Jesus comes again.)

What do these scriptures tell us? They tell us that Jesus is the Christ, the promised Savior. In his gospel, John makes it clear that Jesus is the Christ. He said,

*"And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you might have life through His name."*  
John 20:30,31

**WE MUST BELIEVE ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST**

Over and over the Lord Jesus emphasized one thing that men must believe on Him in order to be saved. Jesus said to the Jews of His day,

*"....if you believe not that I am He (the promised Savior), you shall die in your sins."*  
John 8:24.

First, let us see what the name "the Lord Jesus Christ" means. Then we shall see what it means. Then we

shall see what it means to believe on Him.

**"LORD"** This is His kingly name that stands for His rulership over all things. He is God. He has all power in Heaven and in the earth.

**"JESUS"** This is His personal, human name. It means "Savior." Jesus is the Savior - the One who died for our sins and rose again from the dead. He is a living Savior.



This is His official name. It means "the anointed One." We have already seen that Jesus is "the Christ" - the promised Savior.

**"CHRIST"**



What does it mean to believe on the Lord Jesus

Christ? It means to believe:

1. That He is the Son of God;
2. That He died on the cross for your sins and rose again;
3. That by believing on Him, He becomes your very own Savior, so that what He has done is really for you.

Jesus Christ is indeed the promised Savior, but is He **your** Savior? If you are not sure that you are saved, study carefully the following Scriptures and give your response. Remember, believing God means believing precisely what God says in His Word.



*Discovered Gem*

Jesus is the Christ, the promised Savior. If you have Him, you have eternal life.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Read the verse from God's Word (first) then give your response to it (below)

**GOD SAYS: WHAT DO YOU SAY?**

*"We have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world." I John 4:14*

Why did God send His Son into the world? \_\_\_\_\_

*"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only bego-tten Son, that whosoever be-lieves in Him should not pe-rish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16*

Does God love sinners? \_\_\_\_\_

What must a sinner do in order not to perish? \_\_\_\_\_

*"God commended (He showed) His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8*

Did Christ die for sinners? \_\_\_\_\_

Did He die for you? \_\_\_\_\_

*"...as many as received Him (Jesus Christ), to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." John 1:12*

What does one have to do to become a son of God? \_\_\_\_\_

Have \_\_\_\_\_ you received Him? \_\_\_\_\_

*"This is the record, that God has given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He that has the Son has life; and he that has not the Son of God has not life." I John 5:11, 12*


In Whom is eternal life? \_\_\_\_\_

If you have the Son, what do you have? \_\_\_\_\_

# Quiet Time Highlights

## Week - 1

There is a Bible passage listed for each day. Read it carefully and prayerfully. Write out the verse(s) that impress you most. Then write down in your own words what it is in the verse(s) that impresses you. Perhaps you have a personal need that the Lord answers for you in the Scripture. Or perhaps He shows you something about Himself that you have not known before. This is your personal Quiet Time with the Lord, so keep it personal.

 **MONDAY** **Read: John 1:1-9**

Verse(s) that impressed me most:

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This is what impresses me about the verse(s):

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 **TUESDAY** **Read: John 1:10-13**

Verse(s) that impressed me most:

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This is what impresses me about the verse(s):

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 **WEDNESDAY** **Read: John 1:14-18**

Verse(s) that impressed me most:

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This is what impresses me about the verse(s):

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 **THURSDAY** **Read: John 1:19-28**

Verse(s) that impressed me most:

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This is what impresses me about the verse(s):

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 **FRIDAY** **Read: John 1:29-34**

Verse(s) that impressed me most:

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This is what impresses me about the verse(s):

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 **SATURDAY** **Read: John 1:35-42**

Verse(s) that impressed me most:

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This is what impresses me about the verse(s):

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 **SUNDAY** **Read: John 1:43-51**

Verse(s) that impressed me most:

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This is what impresses me about the verse(s):

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## QUESTION PAGES

### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Turn to the Question Page as you finish each lesson. Fill in the answers for that lesson before going on to the next lesson.
2. When you have studied the lessons and have completed both question Pages, carefully detach these question pages from the center of the book. DO NOT tear them apart. Fold for mailing and place a First Class stamp in the proper place. Don't forget to write in your name and return address.

**Send in your ANSWER SHEETS ONLY!**

Save your lessons for future reference.

### EXAM QUESTIONS

INSTRUCTIONS: Select the best answer (a), (b), or (c), and write it in the square provided.

- 1. In John 1:1, Jesus is called "the Word." This verse tells us that the Lord Jesus is...
  - (a) not God.
  - (b) fully God Himself.
  - (c) created by God.
  
- 2. The prophet Isaiah's use of the name "Immanuel" for the baby Jesus shows that ...
  - (a) Jesus was not God.
  - (b) Jesus was God but was very separate us .
  - (c) Jesus was God and actually lived with people on earth.
  
- 3. When Simeon saw the baby Jesus, he said, mine eyes have seen Thy salvation." This shows that God's salvation is...
  - (a) a matter of being very religious.
  - (b) a person-the Lord Jesus Christ
  - (c) trying to do the best we can.
  
- 4. We can know that Jesus really is "the Christ" of God because...
  - (a) people say so.
  - (b) we feel that it is true.
  - (c) the Bible says so.
  
- 5. When Jesus spoke to the woman at the well (John 4:25,26) He declared to her that He was...
  - (a) a religious teacher.
  - (b) the Messiah, called Christ.
  - (c) a good man.

- 6. God has shown that Jesus is the Christ by
  - (a) fulfilling many prophecies concerning Him.
  - (b) making it "easy" to be a Christian.
  - (c) giving us "good feelings" about Jesus.
  
- 7. In 1 Peter 2:24, the Bible says that the Lord Jesus...
  - (a) causes us to live good lives.
  - (b) overlooks our sin.
  - (c) bore our sins in His own body on the tree (the cross).
  
- 8. Over and over again, the lord Jesus emphasize one thing:
  - (a) that men must try to do their best if they want to be saved.
  - (b) that men must keep the Ten Commandments to be saved.
  - (c) that men must believe on Him in order to be saved.
  
- 9. To become a child of god, we must (John 1:12)
  - (a) do our best.
  - (b) do many good deeds.
  - (c) believe in Jesus and receive Him as our Savior.
  
- 10. The verses, 1 John 5:11, 12, tell us that if we have the Son (Jesus), we have...
  - (a) a good chance that we be saved.
  - (b) eternal life.
  - (c) a good feeling.

what is the most important thing you have learned in this lesson?

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**PLEASE PRINT** You must return answer sheet before you get next lesson.

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