

# Midway Church of Christ



## JESUS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

“Is Jesus in the Old Testament?” The short answer is “yes.” However, He is in the Old Testament in more ways than people think. There are three main ways Old Testament reveals Jesus; prophecy, typology, and theophany.

**Prophecy.** The most significant Old Testament Christology material is in the Messianic prophecies. While the number of messianic prophecies seems subjective, a conservative estimate is north of 300 prophecies of Jesus. In 1 Peter 1:10-12, the apostle points out that men inspired by the Holy Spirit longed to know more about Whom they wrote. There are two groups of Messianic prophecy: Typical and Direct. A typical Messianic prophecy applies initially in the Old Testament, with its ultimate fulfillment in Jesus, while Direct Messianic prophecy applies to Jesus and Him alone. An example of the former is Psalm 41:9, which David wrote in response to the betrayal of Ahithophel (2 Sam. 15:12). Christ applied Psalm 41:9 to Judas’ betrayal (John 13:18). The book of Isaiah provides an example of direct Messianic prophecy in Isaiah 7:14, where the prophet foretells of the virgin birth of Jesus. This prophecy can only be attributed to Jesus. Genesis provides the very first Messianic prophecy, forecasting the incarnation of Jesus and His victory over Satan. “I will put enmity between you and the woman and between your offspring and her offspring [the seed is an attribute of men, with this exception pointing to the virgin birth]; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel [in regards to the temporary ‘success’ of the crucifixion].”

**Typology.** The Old Testament shows Jesus through types and shadows. Inspired New Testament writers would point out that numerous Old Testament characters were types of Christ, such as; Adam (1 Cor. 15:21-22, 45; Rom. 5:14, 17), Melchizedek (Heb. 7), and Jonah (Matt. 12:38-41). They would also attribute emblems of the Old Testament to Jesus, like; the Rock of Horeb (1 Cor. 10:1-4), the Mercy Seat (Rom. 3:25), and the Bronze Snake (John 3:14-15)—these examples are a small sample of what Holy Writ offers. Old Testament writers used people, places, things, and events as shadows of Jesus, eventually seen in the New Testament.

**Theophany.** Theophany is “A visible appearance of God to humans.” Theophany is not to be confused with the incarnation of Jesus, mainly for the temporary nature of theophany. Two widespread instances in the Old Testament involve Moses and his successor, Joshua. In Exodus 3, God appears to Moses in the form of a burning bush – for which there is convincing evidence that this is the pre-incarnate Christ. Joshua met the “Commander of the Army of the LORD,” according to Joshua 5. Again, compelling evidence this is the 2nd Member of the Godhead. Regardless, it is conclusive that Deity is present because both Moses and Joshua are told to take off their shoes, for they were on holy ground (Ex 3:5; Jo 5:14). God claims to be God from the burning bush, and He accepts worship from Joshua.

In prophecy, typology, and theophany, Jesus is prevalent throughout the Old Testament. Disciplined hermeneutical practices will reveal Jesus in the Old Testament and provide a rich study.

Josh Walker

Sunday, July 23	
Greeters	Houston & Denise Hutto
Bible Reading	Houston Hutto
Devotional Prayer	James Rogers
Song Leader (AM & PM)	Paul Gilliland
Worship Prayer	Danny Standridge
Lord's Table	
(B) Casey Pirtle	(J) Larry Little
Larry Peebles	(O) Tim Hester
Frank Pitts	Roger McCaghren
Roger Jones	Rayford Morgan
Announcements	Sam Scott
Dismissal Prayer	Ken Nelson
Control Room (Sunday & Wednesday)	
-Streaming	Tim Hester
-Songs/Audio	Mark Biles
Prepare Communion	Bonita Jones-Regina Lee
Sunday Evening	
Opening Prayer	Roger Thomas
Dismissal Prayer	Jamie Patterson
Wednesday, July 26	
Song Leader	Matt Addison
Closing Prayer	Tim LeMay
Ushers	Nathan Lee-Tom Wilkerson
Lock Building	Jamie Patterson-Ken Nelson

Sunday, July 30	
Greeters	Brent & Beth James
Bible Reading	Windell Denney
Devotional Prayer	Matt Addison
Song Leader (AM & PM)	Aaron Fletcher
Worship Prayer	Rex Free
Lord's Table	
(B) Marl Fuller	(J) Harry James
Tim LeMay	(O) Chris James
Jimmy Jones	Casey Pirtle
Mark Biles	Tom Wilkerson
Announcements	Houston Hutto
Dismissal Prayer	Jerry Hall
Control Room (Sunday & Wednesday)	
-Streaming	Preston Grover
-Songs/Audio	Bryant Addison
Prepare Communion	Tamara Lunsford-Tasha Davis
Sunday Evening	
Opening Prayer	Josh Jones
Dismissal Prayer	Paul Rogers
Wednesday, August 2	
Song Leader	Sam Scott
Closing Prayer	Danny Standridge
Ushers	David Scarbrough-Jamie Patterson
Lock Building	Jamie Patterson-Ken Nelson

## July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3 Houston & Denise Hutto	4	5 Trent Hill	6 Christie Fletcher	7 Denise Hutto Neil LeMay Windell Denney	8
9 Elders/Deacons Meeting	10	11 Chanler Callahan	12 Tom Wilkerson	13	14	15 Danny Standridge
16 Bertha Nelson	17	18	19 Jerry Hall	20 Marley Kelso Brenna Stewart Roger & Judy McCaghren	21 Chris & Alison James	22 Tanner Owens
23 Elders Meeting Group Meetings	24 Wanda Morgan Rex & Margaret Free	25 Deborah Hall Marl Fuller	26	27	28 Linda Beddingfield	29
30 5th Sunday Singing	Notes 2 - Kellie James 2 - Tasha Davis 2 - Millard Macon 2 - Paul & Ashley Gilliland 3 - Jerry Huskey 3 - Larry Peebles 3 - Windell & Jennie Denney 4 - Kayla Martinez 4 - Sabrina Standridge					



SICK & PRAYERS

- Continue to remember Margaret Free and Neil LeMay in your prayers.
- Remember Phillip Waldrep as he undergoes dialysis.
- Phillip Anderson will be having port placement surgery tomorrow for dialysis.
- Willie Lindsey, friend of the Fletcher’s, is having a lot of pain due to treatments.

Monday Night Meal Delivery Resumes!

We plan to resume Monday night meals beginning August 7. As suggested by the elders, we will be taking to our shut-in’s and any of our members who are sick or have had surgery. This will give us a chance to visit as well as take them a hot meal.



Baby Shower



Honoring Alison & Chloe James, Sunday, July 30th, from 2-3:30 in the fellowship hall. Gift selections are at [babylist.com](http://babylist.com), Walmart, Target and Amazon.



**ELDERS**  
Roger Thomas  
Brent James  
Nathan Lee

**MINISTER**  
Harry James  
David Barker  
Sam Scott

DEACONS

**Benevolence**  
Deacon: Windell Denney

**Visitations**  
Deacons: All

**Education**  
Deacons: Jamie Patterson, Houston Hutto

**Missions**  
Deacon: Larry Little

**Youth**  
Deacon: Matt Addison

**Building & Grounds**  
Deacons: Jamie Patterson, Aaron Fletcher

**Technology**  
Deacon: Tim Hester

**Worship Assignments**  
Deacon: Matt Addison

Discount Christianity

I don’t know anyone who doesn’t like getting a discount. During the holiday season there are sales galore, offering different percentages off on the price of just about any merchandise you can image. The Black Friday sales create a buyer frenzy at many stores and the “after holiday” discounts are the best, sometimes offering as much as 50% of the retail price! Senior citizens enjoy their discounts at restaurants and at the grocery store everyone loves getting a discount. Unfortunately, we sometimes treat our Christianity as a retailer would a discounted consumer product or service. It’s as if we’re trying to get our service to the Lord “off the shelf” as quickly as possible, giving Him a “discounted” amount of our time and effort. Let’s give the following some thought:



- Do I miss 10%-20% of worship services?
- Do I only bring my children to Sunday school 60% of the time?
- Do I give 10% of my income when I could give more?
- Do I only read the bible 15% of the time?
- Do I offer only 30% of my talents to work in the church?
- Do I only check on the sick 5% of the time?
- Do I sing with 25% of the spirit and understanding?
- Do I listen to 10% of the bible lessons presented?
- Do I pray only believing 50% will be heard by God?

When Jesus called His disciples, they abandoned ALL they had and followed Him (Matt. 4:20-22). Paul gladly suffered the loss of ALL THINGS. (Phil. 3:8). These men sacrificed everything to serve the Lord and we should be willing to do the same, avoiding the offer of a discount Christianity.

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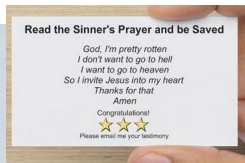
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A LOOK AT THE SINNER’S PRAYER

For decades, crusades have been conducted around the world, and thousands have responded to give their lives to Jesus. Conscious of their sins, they are told to simply say the “sinner’s prayer.” Of even greater impact is the preaching by televangelists and church pastors who tell those who are lost that if they will say this sinner’s prayer, God will immediately forgive them of all their sins.



There are slight variations in the wording of this prayer, but they all have this format. “Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. You died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as my Lord and Savior. In Your name. Amen.” The lives of many have been changed, but a vital question must be answered. Does the saying of this prayer bring salvation?

When did this prayer originate? Google to find the answer. “Some affirm that it evolved, in some form or another, during the early days of the Protestant Reformation. Others believe it originated as late as the eighteenth century revival movement.” One study provides strong evidence that the sinner’s prayer originated in the early twentieth century.

Think of the implications of the preceding paragraph. It implies that the sinner’s prayer was unknown by the church in the first century. The church, directed by the apostles, told millions how to be saved, but never told them to pray this prayer. It is not found even one time in the Bible. It is not found in the Bible anywhere in any of the forms used today. It is not found in the writings of church leaders of the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, etc. centuries! It was never used for fifteen hundred years after the church began. It is not from the mind of God but from the imagination of mere mortals.

If the sinner’s prayer is God’s answer to the question of what one must do in order to be saved, then was not one single person saved beginning at the death of Christ until the sixteenth century? Surely something must be wrong with giving this prayer as God’s plan to save mankind.

Let me suggest the path every man should follow in finding salvation. Read the book of Acts. It is the history of the church from its beginning until near the end of Paul’s life. Read about the spread of the church around the world. Read the Divine record of people asking what they must do about their sins. Note that never was any man told to pray this prayer. The answer given was always the same. Honestly seek to find the answer to life’s most important question. Read the book of Acts. Discover for yourself. Then do what they did!

Dan Jenkins

CAN YOU NAME JUST ONE

Can you name just one fault of Jesus of Galilee? Can you name a person He mistreated? Can you name a soul to whom He was unjust? Can you name one teaching of Jesus that is immoral? Can you name one practice of His life that was out of balance with His teachings? It has been said that many wish to repent of sin on their deathbed, but do any Christians on their deathbed repent of following Christ? Ronald Reagan once said, “Can you name one problem that would not be solved if we had simply followed the teachings of the man from Galilee?” Oh, the thought!



Go ahead; stand Him next to any man. Find the best—the most inspiring, prolific, influential, successful. Gather a roomful and give them high marks for their merits, and deductions for their faults. They begin to fall away, one-by-one, until they have all left the room but Him! They cannot stand next to this Man! They cannot stand next to Jesus! Even Pontius Pilate gets our “amen” as he proclaims, “I find no fault in Him!”

Rick Kelley

LOVE THE UNKNOWN?

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge and wisdom. These are exhortations from Proverbs. In addition to that, he who loves instructions loves knowledge (Prov. 12:1). What this translates to is this: he who loves the Lord will take time to know the Lord, learn from His will and apply His teachings to life. Thus, those who don’t do this, contrary to the frequent sentiment expressed by them, they do not love the Lord. How does one love what he does not know? As true as this is, notice what the Lord said about those who refuse His instructions, “But he who hates correction is stupid” (NKJV).



Ron Thomas

Upcoming EVENTS

- July 26 – Todd Clippard
- July 30 – Baby Shower for Alison & Chloe James