The Earthly Life and Ministry of Jesus Messiah

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THE STORY OF THE BIBLE: Background to the Earthly Life and Ministry of Jesus Messiah

#1 – In Eden: The “seed of the Woman” would solve the problem

#2 – God entered into a covenant with Abraham

#3 – Messiah was born in Bethlehem

#4 – 2nd Coming of Jesus Messiah

COMPLETE, UNHINDERED FELLOWSHIP

BELIEVERS RULE WITH KING JESUS

PARADISE RESTORED (No more curse/New Heaven and Earth)

Genesis 1-3

Revelation 20-22
God’s Covenants with Israel

- Formation of Israel
- Patriarchs
- Moses
- Joshua
- Theocracy
- Priests
- Judges
- Monarchy
- Kings
- Restor. Ezra, Neh.
- Exile
- Prophets
- New Covenant
- Church
- Trib
- Kingdom
- Old Testament
- New Testament

Promises Made

- ABE. COV.
  Gen. 12

- DAVIDIC COV.

- NEW COV.

Promises Fulfilled

- LAND COV.
THE COMING OF JESUS MESSIAH

Galatians 3:16

Jesus is THE ANOINTED ONE who came to restore and reconcile all that was lost.

(1) The cross was/is the basis of the NEW covenant. Restoring fellowship.

(2) Jesus will be King (fulfilling the DAVIDIC covenant). Restoring ruling.

(3) Jesus will rule Israel/nations in the LAND. Beginning of the restoring of paradise---curse removed...later the new earth.
The New Covenant

The Mosaic Law (Covenant)

“Old”

“First”

The New Covenant

“Second” - “Better”

“Eternal”
Basic Truths Concerning NEW COVENANT

**BASIS:** The New Covenant is based on the death of Christ (Luke 22:20; Hebrews 10:10-13).

**PARTIES OF THE COVENANT:** It was made between God and the House of JUDAH and ISRAEL and not the Church. (The Church is not Israel). Jeremiah 31:31-35

**THE APPLICATION OF THE COVENANT:** In the future, Israel will come into it (Rom. 11:25-29). This is the primary purpose of the “Tribulation.” The Church is a “PARTAKER” of the New covenant

**THE CONTENT OF THE NEW COVENANT:** The sin problem is fully and completely taken care of. It provides for a unique working of the Holy Spirit in the lives of those who believe.
The Period Between the Old and New Testaments

- **Persian Period**
  - Israel allowed to return to their land; rebuild city & temple

- **Greek Period**
  - Greek language worldwide; OT translated into Greek; focus in Israel on religious “purity”

- **Hasmonean Period**
  - Power came to the Priesthood; chaos in Israel brought in Roman intervention & control.

- **Roman Period**
  - Roman control and power---the Herodian family.
The Chronology of Jesus’ Life and Ministry

❖ THE DATE OF CHRIST’S BIRTH.
Matthew 1:25; 2:1: Luke 1:5. (Herod alive at Jesus’ birth)
Matthew 2:7, 16 (Time of Jesus’ birth)

JESUS WAS BORN AROUND 5/4 B.C.
The Chronology of Jesus’ Life and Ministry

❖ THE LENGTH OF CHRIST’S LIFE AND MINISTRY. Luke 3:1, 23

The 15th year of Tiberius = AD 28/29

5/4 BC

BIRTH *TEMPLE VISIT

MINISTRY

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“IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD, AND THE WORD WAS WITH GOD, AND THE WORD WAS GOD.” John 1:1

The WORD (the One who communicates God’s truth and is God’s Truth) was/is Jesus Christ.

(1) “In the beginning WAS the Word” = Jesus Christ is *eternally existent*. He had no beginning.

(2) “and the Word was WITH GOD” = Jesus Christ is *personally distinct* from God the Father.

(3) “and the Word WAS GOD” = Jesus Christ is *fully deity*.

Therefore, Jesus Christ (the Word) had all the attributes of deity, but He was not the Father.

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us...” John 1:14

At Bethlehem, humanity was added to deity. Jesus was *fully God and fully man*...the only God-man ever.
BEFORE PERIOD #1

The “PERSON” of Jesus Messiah

Remember that
the “PERSON” was the God-Man.

JOHN 1:1
100%
GOD
Temporarily gave up the
USE of some attributes.

LUKE 2:52
100%
MAN
PERIOD #1
THE BIRTH & CHILDHOOD

❖ After the 400 “Silent Year” God speaks through the angel Gabriel.
❖ Gabriel’s 1st message is delivered to a priest named Zacharias.
❖ LUKE 1:5-80
  ➢ Zacharias was of the “Abijah” group.
  ➢ The lot (vs.9) gave him the great privilege of incensing.
  ➢ Gabriel appeared next to the altar of incense.
PERIOD #1
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➢ Gabriel appeared next to the altar of incense.
➢ The one who is foretold in Isaiah 40 and Malachi 3 will be born to Zacharias and Elizabeth and he will be named John.
➢ Unbelief. Deaf and dumb.
➢ John is born...get ready for Messiah’s coming.
PERIOD #1: Birth & Childhood

❖ Gabriel delivers message #2 to a young girl, named Mary.  **LUKE 1:26-38**
- Mary a girl of great faith.
- Her son will fulfill the Davidic covenant.
- Mary wonders “how” this will happen, but does not question the reality of what will happen.
- Mary given the “sign” of Elizabeth’s pregnancy.
- Mary’s great praise.

❖ MARY LEAVES TOWN FOR 5 MONTHS.  **Luke 1:39**
- Elizabeth’s praise; John’s joy; Mary’ praise.
- John’s birth and Zacharias praise.
PERIOD #1
The Birth and Childhood

❖ An unnamed angel informs Joseph of the reality of the virgin birth. **Matthew 1:25 and Isaiah 7:14**

➢ Joseph is said to be righteous but he simply cannot believe Mary’s story.
➢ The angel sets him straight; he immediately marries Mary; then they go to Bethlehem.
➢ They had a normal married life.
Matthew 13:55

*indicates lineage of Christ
Matthew’s genealogy begins with Abraham and gives the **legal line** of Jesus which is through Joseph.

This legal descent from David gives Jesus the legal right to claim the throne of David.

Luke’s genealogy is that of Mary, giving the **physical lineage** of Jesus. It goes back to Adam...Jesus is a real human being.
LUKE’S GOSPEL

† indicates lineage of Christ

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PERIOD #1 – Birth and Childhood

➢ JESUS’ FIRST YEARS (Matt. 2:1-23)
  - The arrival of the “wise men”. The Star.
  - The reaction of Herod the Great.
  - A few months in Bethlehem (2:7-11)
  - A few years in Egypt (2:13-15, 19-20)
  - Returns to Bethlehem; but God warns them to go to Nazareth. (2:22-23)
PERIOD #1 – Birth and Childhood

- **JESUS’ CHILDHOOD** (Luke 2:40-52)
  - Luke 2:52 – A key about Jesus’ childhood years. Jesus kept increasing in:

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<th>Jesus had a mind that was not hurt by sin, but He did not know everything at birth. He had to learn as we do. Eg. Matt. 24:26</th>
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<td>STATURE:</td>
<td>Jesus’ physical growth was normal. When He was 5 years old, He looked like a 5 year old.</td>
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<td>Jesus growth towards maturity was according to the biblical pattern---The Word of God understood and applied + the Holy Spirit’s work.</td>
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<td>As He became older and wiser, He would have learned how to relate to others.</td>
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PERIOD #1: Jesus’ Birth and Childhood

❖ Angelic communication #1 – Gabriel meets the aged priest Zacharias by the Altar of Incense in the Holy Place. Zach is told that he and his wife will have a son. Isa. 40; Mal. 3

❖ Angelic communication #2 – Six months later Gabriel tells Mary that she will be the mother of Messiah. The Holy Spirit would generate life her in womb.

❖ Angelic communication #3 – An unnamed angel comes to Joseph to assure him that Mary was telling the truth and that he is to marry her and to name the baby, “Jesus.”

Jesus’ First Years – Matthew 2:1-23

➢ Born in Bethlehem (in a cave) and were visited by the shepherds who had been informed of His birth.
➢ The “wise men” arrived a year or so later; Joseph and Mary had taken up residence in Bethlehem.
➢ Fled to Egypt; then went to Nazareth. Luke 2:52
PERIOD #2 – Preparing for the Ministry of Jesus Messiah

Three key elements in the preparation.

#1 The ministry of John the Baptist
#2 The baptism of Jesus
#3 The 40 day temptation of Jesus

THE MINISTRY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST. (Matt. 3:1-12)

- His ministry was prophesied. Isaiah 40 and Malachi 3.
- His was a separatist ministry; that is, it was not part of Jewish religious system of the time.
- Mainly a ministry of preaching with baptism; no miracles.
- Jesus’ evaluation of John: Matt. 11:11
The Ministry of John the Baptist
John Announced the “KINGDOM OF GOD”

“Kingdom of God” = the sovereign rule of God over His creation.

**ASPECTS OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD**

- **UNIVERSAL KINGDOM OF GOD**
- **SPIRITUAL KINGDOM OF GOD**

The Kingdom of God (Heaven) is near to you and available.

O.T. (Present) Eternal

Messianic Eternity
The Ministry of John the Baptist

❖ BAPTISM

▪ Baptism = to immerse or submerge
▪ The concept did not originate with John, but was part of Judaism.
▪ Baptism was the means by which people were identified with a group/movement.
The Ministry of John the Baptist

- Repentance =
  - Basically means “to change the mind” with the context determining what a person is changing their mind about.
  - Here dealing with sin (cf. 3:6). Israel had to repent and believe that Jesus was the long awaited Messiah.
  - Repentance is observed by outward actions.
- “Kingdom of God” has come near to Israel. (In the person of Jesus the Messiah)
WRATH = “God’s passionate response against sin which will lead eventually to its punishment.”

THERE IS A PRESENT ASPECT TO THE WRATH OF GOD. (e.g. Romans 1:18)

THERE IS A FUTURE ASPECT TO THE WRATH OF GOD. (e.g. 1 Thess. 1:10)

JOHN THE BAPTIST IS SPEAKING ABOUT THE FUTURE ASPECT OF GOD’S WRATH.

Tribulation | Messianic Kingdom (Millennium)
---|---
FUTURE WRATH REVEALED IN REV. 6-18 | THE RULE OF JESUS MESSIAH ON THIS PRESENT EARTH FOR A 1,000 YEAR PERIOD OF TIME
THE PHARISEES

Their name means “THE SEPARATED ONES”

They originated in the intertestamental period, as a reaction against Hellenism

THEY WERE KNOWN FOR THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND THEIR RIGHTEOUS LIVING.

THEY HAD A GREAT INTEREST IN THE SCRIPTURES AND IN MAKING THEM WORKABLE IN DAILY LIFE.

THEY HAD A GREAT INFLUENCE OVER THE COMMON MAN.

THEY KEPT THE MESSIANIC HOPE ALIVE IN ISRAEL.

THERE WERE APPARENTLY ABOUT 6,000 IN ISRAEL IN THE TIME OF JESUS.
The Scribes

- Not a sect like the Pharisees.
- A class of Israelites; also known as “lawyers” and “doctors of law.”
- Their tasks were to teach the Law and prosecute lawbreakers.
- The majority probably belonged to the sect of the Pharisees.
THE SADDUCEES

❖ The name may come from the word which means “righteous”. (The “righteous ones”)
❖ Originated during the inter-testamental period in reaction to the emerging sect of Pharisaism.
❖ They believed that the Scriptures were just the 5 books of Moses.
❖ They rejected the traditions of the Pharisees and denied certain doctrines such as resurrection.
❖ They were less numerous than the Pharisees but were politically powerful. They cooperated with Rome.
The Baptism of Jesus
Matthew 3:13-17

WHY WAS JESUS BAPTIZED???
(1) Jesus was baptized in order “to fulfill all righteousness”.

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(2) Jesus entered the office of King/Messiah. He was “anointed” at baptism. Matt. 3:16-17; Luke 4:17-21.

(3) Jesus identified with John’s ministry and the remnant in Israel who believed.
THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS

TEMPTATION = The stirring up of natural desires to go beyond the boundaries established by God.

(1) Jesus’ temptations were real.
   • All 40 days
   • 3 key temptations at the end of the 40 day period
   • During His entire life. (Heb. 2:18; 4:15).

(2) The purpose of His temptation: to demonstrate that Jesus was morally and spiritually qualified to be Messiah.

(3) Questions: Did He sin? NO Could He sin? NO

AS A MAN HE WAS TEMPTABLE; AS GOD HE WAS IMPECCABLE.
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APOSTLES AND DISCIPLES

- **John 1:35-51** – First disciples
- “APOSTLES” vs. “DISCIPLES”
  - “apostello” = one sent out with authority (on behalf of another).
  - “disciple” = a learner or follower.
- The Twelve were selected after about 1 ½ years into Christ’s ministry, after prayerful evaluation.
- Only then did they become “full time” followers (Luke 6:12; Mark 3:13)

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PERIOD #3 – The Early Ministry

❖ Jesus goes throughout the land preaching and working miracles; giving evidence to all that Messiah has come.

(1) First Disciples
(2) First Miracle
(3) First Temple “Cleansing”
(4) Conversation with Nicodemus
(5) Conversation with Samaritan woman
PERIOD #3 – THE EARLY MINISTRY

John 2:1-11 – The First Miracle Done by the Lord Jesus: Water to Wine

- **A DEFINITION**: “A MIRACLE is the temporary suspension of God’s natural law.”
- **THE WEDDING AT CANA**
  - Mary makes a request of Jesus. (Asking for Messianic glory or manifestation? Note John 17:1)
  - Jesus mildly rebukes her, but performs this miracle.
  - The faith of Jesus’ followers grows.
THE MIRACLES OF JESUS

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- MIRACLES TODAY?
  - Not a question if God can do miracles.
  - Note that miracles are not the same as the workings of God.
PERIOD #3 – THE EARLY MINISTRY

➢ The Passover – huge crowds in Jerusalem
➢ Temple had become a “marketplace”
➢ Jurisdiction of Temple – the Sanhedrin
➢ Leaders question Jesus’ authority, not the legitimacy of His actions. (Jeremiah 7:8-11)

➢ Jesus’ resurrection will be the clear and validating sign of the legitimacy of His ministry and His message. (Note 1 Corinthians 15:12-20)
SOLOMON’S PORCH/PORTICO

27 ½ feet

5 feet

52 feet
1,590 feet
SANHEDRIN
KING DAVID TOOK THE JEBUSITE CITY AND MADE IT HIS CAPITAL CITY.
SOLOMON BUILT THE TEMPLE NORTH OF THE CITY AND SURROUNDED IT WITH WALLS.
PERIOD #3 – THE EARLY MINISTRY

❖ John 2:23-25 – The First General Response to Jesus’ Ministry

➢ Many believed in Jesus
➢ Many miracles done by Jesus. John 4:45
➢ The clear perception of Jesus.
➢ The TEMPLE CLEANSING would have alerted the Sadducees to Jesus’ presence, while the MIRACLES would have alerted the Pharisees.
➢ Jesus is clearly the subject of discussion among the Jewish leadership.
➢ One will come to clarify things with Jesus.
PERIOD #3 – THE EARLY MINISTRY

❖ John 3:1-21 – Jesus and Nicodemus

➢ Nic. was orthodox, a member of the Jewish Supreme court, and a leading teacher in Israel.
➢ The leaders had correctly concluded that Jesus must be from God.
➢ The Jews generally believed that they had a free pass into the kingdom because they were Jews, part of the Abrahamic covenant.
➢ Some key points made by Jesus.
   (1) The “new birth” is a necessity for entering the Messiah’s kingdom.
   (2) The “new birth” comes thru faith in Jesus.
   (3) God loves the “world” (gentiles too!)
   (4) Looking to Jesus (believing in Him) is all that is needed. 3:14-16
PERIOD #3 – THE EARLY MINISTRY

❖ John 3:1-21 – Jesus and Nicodemus
➢ 3:5 – “born of WATER and the Spirit”
➢ Clearly the Holy Spirit’s role in the new birth is required for entering the kingdom.
➢ Does “water” = Christian baptism? John’s baptism? Physical birth?
➢ “born of water and the wind” (work of HS)
➢ Water = cleansing  Wind = regeneration
➢ Two aspects of one thing. (Greek word “kai” connects the 2 words w/out articles)
They were a racially and religious mixed people: the Jews looked on them as unclean.

The Samaritans established their own Temple and center of worship on Mt. Gerizim. They rejected all of the OT except the Pentateuch.

The relationship between Jews and Samaritans was hostile. They avoided all contact.
PERIOD #3 – THE EARLY MINISTRY

❖ The Woman at the Well in Samaria
  ➢ The subject is water, but really it is eternal life.
  ➢ The conversation: water, worship, messiah
❖ Jesus & His disciples – 4:27-38
❖ Jesus & the Citizens of Samaria – 4:39-42
  ➢ Jesus spend 2 days “harvesting”
❖ Jesus & the Citizens of Galilee – 4:43-54
  ➢ Healing in Galilee of a sick boy.
  ➢ “royal official” means he was most likely in the service of Herod Antipas.
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PERIOD #4 – The Great Galilean Ministry

❖ Lasted for about a year. Centered in Capernaum
❖ Some of Jesus greatest messages were given during this time (e.g. the Sermon on the Mount).
❖ A great many miracles were done during this year.
❖ Jesus popularity reached its peak during this year.
❖ Opposition from the religious leaders begins and grows dramatically during this year.
THE SYNAGOGUE

- MEANING: “a gathering of people” or “congregation.”
- Probably originated during the Babylonian Captivity.
- Center of Jewish educational, social and religious life.
- Minimum of 10 men (elders) to begin one.
- No animal sacrifices. (Not the same as the Temple).
- Most important building in town...highest so that it would be easily spotted.
THE ZEALOTS

- Word means to “to burn with jealousy”; thus those who were jealous for God and His Law.
- Came into existence in the intertestamental period.
- “Zealot” is a general term. Many groups came under that title.
- They resorted to violence/assassination in their hatred for foreigners or Jews who collaborated with foreigners; Rome in the days of Christ.
- The “Sicarii” (Jewish assassins who used a sica) were likely “zealots”.
- Jesus’ disciple, Simon, likely belonged to a zealot sect before following Jesus.
PERIOD #4 - THE GREAT GALILEAN MINISTRY

❖ Matthew 4:18-22 – Calling the four fishermen
➢ Another calling of the 4 fishermen: remember John 1
➢ Primarily a teaching ministry.
➢ His teaching was different and it was powerful. Mark 1:21, 27, 38
➢ Miracle working. Here a demonized man in the synagogue was instantly healed.
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John 5:1-15
Healing at the Pool of Bethesda
JOHN 5 – The Sabbath & the claims of Jesus

5:1-15 – A healing at the pool of Bethesda on the Sabbath day.

5:16 - Sabbath “violations” begin to intensify the persecution of Jesus by the religious leaders.

5:17-29 – Christ’s discourse about Himself; His person and His work.

Equality with the Father.

Judgment and resurrection under His authority.

5:30-47 - Jesus’ Witnesses. Deuteronomy 19:15
PERIOD #4-THE GREAT GALILEAN MINISTRY

❖ JOHN 5:30-47 – Claims and Witnesses
➢ Jesus brings in “witnesses” to His claims.
  ▪ #1 – John the Baptist (5:33-35)
  ▪ #2 – The miracles (5:36)
  ▪ #3 – The Father (5:37)
  ▪ #4 – The Scriptures (5:39)
  ▪ #5 – Moses (5:45-47)
  ○ Observe the time notation in John 6:4
4:23-25 explains why so many people were following the Lord Jesus at this time.....the miracles.

**SUBJECT:** How does one get into the Messiah’s kingdom?

**Answer:** You must be righteous (being “born again” assigns righteousness to us).

But what kind of righteousness?

Not like the Pharisees with their external righteousness

**The Beatitudes – 5:1-12**

“Blessed” (*markarios*) = joyful, contented, fulfilled

- #1 – “Poor in spirit” – spiritually poverty stricken
- #2 – “Mourn” – grief over sin brings relief
- #3 – “Meekness” – submissive to God’s will (His lordship in our lives) brings great reward.
The Sermon on the Mount

❖ THE MESSAGE: 5:13-7:6
➢ Perfection is required for entrance into the kingdom (5:48).
➢ Jesus fulfilled the Law completely by obeying it; fulfilling its types and prophecies; and by paying the full penalty of the Law. (5:17-20)
➢ Externals are insufficient. (5:20;6:1) The righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees is not the kind of righteousness that gets you into the Messiah’s kingdom.

❖ THE CONCLUSION/APPLICATION
➢ Watch out for the false prophets
➢ The need for a solid foundation

Remember that this important message was likely preached many times by Jesus all through the land.
Matthew 12 – The Great Rejection of Jesus Messiah

- This is the significant turning point in the earthly life and ministry of Jesus Messiah.
- Rejection had been “brewing”. This is about 1 year before the Lord Jesus is crucified.
- Sabbath “work” becomes the religious leaders’ proof that Jesus was not from God.
- 12:22---the miracle (not unusual)
- 12:23---the crowd response. Their question expects a negative answer.
- 12:24---the Pharisee’s explanation.
- 12:25-45---Jesus’ response and defense of Himself. A CRUCIAL MOMENT!!! JESUS NOW DEFENDS HIMSELF.
Jesus now defends Himself with 3 lines of argument.

#1 - Division leads to destruction.
#2 - Exorcism seen as a gift from God.
#3 - As a thief must have greater power than the one he must overcome; so Jesus must have greater power than Satan (Therefore, He is not getting His power from Satan).
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Jesus gives the parable of the sower and the seed to a multitude of people.

The disciples wonder why He does that.

Purpose of parables is to reveal truth while at the same time hiding truth. Revelation demands a proper response from people.

These parables reveal that there are “cut off” times in God’s dealings with people.
What happens now???
13:1-58-KINGDOM PARABLES

- Eight parables given. #1-#4 given to the crowd by the seashore. #5-#8 given to the disciples in the house.

❖ Summary of the parables:

- (1) There will be a sowing of the Word of God throughout this age; but there will also be a counter-sowing by Satan.

- (2) The “kingdom” will grow large outwardly but there will be an inner corruption.

- (3) The corrupt aspect of the kingdom will end in judgment.
The Various Phases of the Kingdom of God

“Kingdom of God” = the rule of God over His creation

ASPECTS OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD

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MYSTERY
The “MYSTERY” Aspect of the Kingdom of God

“mystery” (musterion) = a truth/secret which had not previously been revealed but now has been revealed. (A truth which otherwise would not have been discovered)
The Eight Periods of Jesus’ Life and Ministry

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About 30 years 3+ years of Ministry
PERIOD #5: Training of the 12 Apostles

- The focus in Jesus’ ministry is now on:
- **THE APOSTLES** and on
- Those others who faithfully follow Him.
- Geographically, Jesus now spends more time in places outside of the authority of the Jewish leaders.
Matt. 15:24 – Jesus’ mission was to Israel.
Period #5 – Miraculous Feedings and the Break of Life Discourse

❖ *Miraculous Feedings*

➢ Of the 5,000---Matt. 14:13
  ▪ Only miracle in all four gospels
  ▪ Wrong response of the people

➢ Of the 4,000---Matt. 15:32
  ▪ Disciples are confused, but they are in gentile territory

❖ *The Bread of Life Discourse*---John 6

  ▪ Many “disciples” turn from Jesus.
  ▪ **Key event:** Christ purposely is forcing people to make a decision about Him.
Matthew 16:13-20 - The “Rock” of the Church

❖ Identifying Jesus - 16:13
➢ “What are people saying about Me?”
➢ Peter’s confession.
➢ “THE ROCK”? 
  (1) The rock is Peter.
  (2) The rock is Peter’s confession.
  (3) The rock refers to Jesus Christ.

❖ The Death of Jesus Foretold - 16:21-26
➢ His future death
➢ His future return

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- Took place when many no longer followed Jesus.
- Jesus “glowed” from within.
- 3 Apostles; 2 O.T. Saints and the Father.
- Subject of discussion: “His departure”.
- **PURPOSE #1:** to show that the Father approved of Jesus even though Israel was in the process of rejecting Him.
- **PURPOSE #2:** To encourage the Apostles by giving them a glimpse of Messiah’s kingdom which would come. *2 Pet. 1:16.*
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THE ONE YEAR GREAT GALILEAN MINISTRY

- Apostles chosen
- Most miracles
- Opposition & Rejection
- Changes in: focus, miracles, teaching subject and method

#5
SPECIAL TRAINING OF THE 12 APOSTLES

- Focus on Apostles
- Much time spent in gentile areas
- Death/church
- Forcing choices
- Transfiguration

#6
Later Judean Ministry

#7
Later Perean Ministry

#8
The Last Days in Jerusalem
PERIOD #6 – The Later Judean Ministry

- **Controversy About Jesus**: There is ongoing confusion among the Jews about Jesus. *John 7*
- **Physical and Spiritual Blindness**: *John 9*  The healing of a blind man and the blind religious leaders.
- **The Ministry of the 70**: This group is basically unknown. Only mentioned in *Luke 10:1-24*.
- **Miracles and parables**: such as the “Good Samaritan”.
- **Christ’s amazing claims**: *John 10:22-39---Again charged with blasphemy...the time notation in 10:22.*
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PERIOD #7—The Later Perean Ministry

❖ Christ’s requirements for being a “disciple”:


- The setting: (1) many “disciples” are leaving Him;
  (2) and the religious leaders are plotting to kill Him.
- “Disciple” here is being used in a more restricted sense
  (more like a “bondslave”)

(1) Must desire to be a disciple.
(2) Must give up the right of self determination.
(3) Must be willing to daily identify with Christ.
(4) Must say “good-bye” to everyone and everything.
Parable of the postponed kingdom

Raising Lazarus from the dead
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Period #8 – The Last Week

- **SUNDAY**
  - “Triumphal entry”
- **MONDAY**
  - Temple cleansing
  - Cursing of fig tree
- **TUESDAY**
  - Debates in temple
  - Olivet Discourse
  - Judas’ betrayal
- **WEDNESDAY**
  - At Bethany?
- **THURSDAY**
  - The “Last Supper”
    - “Upper Room Discourse”
- **FRIDAY**
  - The Trials
  - The Crucifixion
  - The Burial
- **SUNDAY**
  - The Resurrection
Sunday: Jesus “Triumphal Entry”

Jerusalem
At the time of Christ
circa 30 A.D.

Zechariah 9
The Last Week

❖ SUNDAY – The “Triumphal Entry” into Jerusalem

➢ Jesus intentionally fulfilling Zechariah 9:9.


➢ 3 Groups at Triumphal entry:
  (1) those who came from a distance;
  (2) those who witnessed Lazarus’ raising;
  (3) the residents of Jerusalem.

➢ A very incomplete understanding of this event on the part of all those who witnessed it. (John 12:16 and Matt. 21:11)
➢ This is the 2\textsuperscript{nd} time Jesus “cleanses” the Temple.
➢ He again references Jeremiah 7.
➢ The religious leaders are both angry and fearful.

\textbf{MONDAY}
The Final Week

❖ MONDAY – The Cursing of the Fig Tree (Mark 11:12-14)
  ➢ Behind this event was the OT imagery where Israel is pictured as a “fig tree.”. That generation in Israel faced the judgment of God. Mark 11

❖ TUESDAY – The Day of Debates
  ➢ Jesus vs. The Sanhedrin - A Question about authority
    • Mark 11:27-33. Jewish leaders involved. What are the “these things” being talked about? (11:28)
    • Jesus’ rabbinic approach: answers the question by asking a question. 11:29-30.
  ➢ Jesus vs. the Pharisees & Herodians – A Question about taxes. Matt. 22:15-22
They were named after Herod the Great and the Herodian family.

They were a political party which was likely formed during the days of Herod the Great.

They had accepted hellenization and were, therefore, enemies of the Pharisees and the Zealots.

It may be that Jewish tax collectors were part of this group.

They were generally opposed to Jesus.
The Final Week

- **Jesus vs. the Sadducees** – A question about the idea of resurrection. *Matt. 22:23-33*

- **Jesus vs. the Pharisees** – A question about the identity of Messiah. *Matt. 22:41-46*
  - **Question #1** – Whose son is messiah? (Psalm 110)
  - **Question #2** – If messiah is David’s son, then why does David address Him as deity?

- Jesus’ denunciation of the hypocritical religious leaders. *Matthew 23* and 7 woes pronounced on them.
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MATTHEW 24-25 - The “Olivet Discourse”

Tuesday: The Debates
Matthew 24-25 - The “Olivet Discourse

❖ 23:34-24:3 The Setting of the Discourse

➢ Jesus grieved over Israel’s rejection of Him and pronounced judgment on THAT generation.
➢ Jesus anticipated the future time of Israel’s repentance; their repentance **must occur before His 2nd Coming**.
➢ The 4 disciples’ questions were about the **sign** of His return & the temple destruction (based on Zech. 12-14).

(1) “YOU” = Israel (Questions are about Israel. They are not about the church)
(2) “YOU” --- 23:34-39; 24:2,4,6,9,33 = Israel (as represented by one group or another.)
The Olivet Discourse

24:4-31—Jesus’ Overview of the Future

1. FALSE CHRIISTS
2. WARS/RUMORS
3. FAMINES/DISEASE
4. EARTHQUAKES

The Judgments of God will be like “BIRTH PAINS”

3 ½ YEARS

The Abomination of Desolation 24:15

1. The worldwide preaching of the Gospel.
2. These are the very WORST of times.
3. Incredible miracles & signs

3 ½ YEARS

24:4-8 24:9-14; 15-31
THE CONCEPT OF BIRTH PAINS

THE TRIBULATION PERIOD
The Messiah’s 2nd Coming

Great Cosmic & Earthly Events.  
Matt. 24:29; Joel 3:14-17

This is a time of great judgment.  
Matt. 24:30; Rev. 19:19-21

This is a time of great salvation.  
Matt. 24:31; Zechariah 12:10; 13:1

Tribulation
JUDAS’ BETRAYAL: Tuesday Evening

- The Sanhedrin’s plan to kill Jesus. Matt. 26:1-5
- Judas’ offer accelerates the plan of the Sanhedrin. Luke 22:3-6
- The indirect directions. Mark 14:12-15
- To keep the Sanhedrin’s plan from being carried out too soon.
IN THE UPPER ROOM

❖ John 13:1-20 – Washing the Feet of the Disciples
❖ John 13:21-38 – Followers of Jesus who will fail...one will deny and one will betray Christ.
Four Key Relationships of Believers

1. Our Relationship with Other Believers - 13:34-35; 15:12-17 - We are to “love” and serve one another.

2. Our Relationship with the Lord Jesus -- 15:1-11 - We are to “abide” in Him, resulting in a fruitful life.

3. Our Relationship with the World – 15:8-16:4 – The world will hate us as believers. We are “IN” the world but not “OF” it. (17)

4. Our Relationship with the Spirit – 16:5-15 – He is our Helper---believers will have some new ministries of the Spirit.
John 17 – THE REAL LORD’S PRAYER

❖ Jesus’ Prayer for Himself: 17:1-5
❖ Jesus’ Prayer for His Disciples: 17:6-19
❖ Jesus’ Prayer for Future Believers: 17:20-26
IN THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE

❖ Jesus enters the Garden: John 18:1
  - In great anguish, He prayed 3 times for the “cup” to be removed. Hebrews 5:7-8
❖ Jesus’ Arrest: John 18:2-12; Mark 14:43-52
  - The role of Judas
  - The Roman cohort (600 men)
  - The “I am” statement
  - The sword, healing and flight of the disciples
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The Resurrection
There were many “sanhedrins” (courts) in the land.

The “Great Sanhedrin” = the Jews ‘Supreme Court’ which ruled under Roman authority was in Jerusalem.

The court was composed of:

- President (High Priest)
- Elders
- Scribes/Pharisees
- Chief Priests

Made up of 71 members with authority in religious matters.
THE “TRIALS” OF CHRIST

❖ THE THREE JEWISH TRIALS
- Before ANNAS (John)
- Before Caiaphas (Synoptics)
- Before Great Sanhedrin (Synoptics)
- **Charge:** BLASPHEMY

❖ THE THREE ROMAN TRIALS
- Before Pilate (All)
- Before Herod Antipas (Luke)
- Before Pilate (All)
- **Charge:** TREASON
THE “TRIALS” OF CHRIST

❖ Pilate and Jesus
   ➢ Pilate and the Jews hated each other
   ➢ Pilate knew the charges were bogus (Matt. 27:18)
   ➢ Pilate pronounced Jesus innocent several times (why bother?).
   ➢ Pilate’s fears
     • The warning from his wife (Matt. 27:19)
     • The claim of deity (John 19:7-9)
     • The personal strength of Jesus (John 19:10-11)
     • The possibility of losing his position (John 19:12)
   ➢ Pilate’s attempts to satisfy the Jews.
     • Multiple times pronounced Jesus innocent.
     • Barabbas
     • The scourging
     • Finally washed his hands of the incident
THE HOURS OF CRUCIFIXION

9am             NOON             3pm               6pm

TRIALS
OF
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SAYING #1
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MARK 15:25
# The 7 Sayings of Jesus From the Cross

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<td>At this point: (1) the soldiers cast lots for Jesus’ clothing; (2) Pilate wrote an inscription to put on the Cross (‘This is Jesus the Nazarene, the King of the Jews’); and (3) the religious leaders of the Jews shouted verbal abuses at Jesus.</td>
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MARK 15:25

SAYINGS
#4-#7

MARK 15:33
The 7 Sayings of Jesus From the Cross

#4 – “My God, My God, why have you forsaken Me?”
Matthew 27:46 and Mark 15:34

#5 – “I am thirsty.”
John 19:28

#6 – “It is finished”
John 19:30

#7 – “Father, into Thy hands I commit my spirit.”
Luke 23:46

At this point: (1) the Temple veil was torn from top to bottom; (2) there was a great earthquake; and (3) some tombs in Jerusalem were opened and some “saints” came out of them.
**THE HOURS OF CRUCIFIXION**

**TRIALS OF JESUS**
- 9am: MARK 15:25
- NOON: SAYING #1
  - Mocking
- SAYING #2
- SAYING #3

**DARKNESS**
- 3pm: SAYINGS #4-#7

**JESUS DIES; TEMPLE VEIL TORN; GREAT EARTHQUAKE**
- 6pm

**Joseph of Arimathea takes the body of Jesus; puts it in his tomb.**
THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

❖ There are 11 specific resurrection appearances given in Scripture.
❖ 1 Corinthians 15 has two that are not found in the Gospels.
❖ Many hundreds of believers saw Him alive after His death.
❖ ACTS 1 is important...many hours were spent with the Apostles over the 40 day period.
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Only Luke records the Ascension of Jesus.

Jesus returned to the Father after spending 40 days instructing the Apostles.

He returned to heaven from Bethany on the eastern side of the Mt. of Olives.

He presently is seated at the Father’s right hand: functioning as our High Priest and as Head of the Church. Eph. 1 and Hebrews 4, 7.

He will occupy that position until He returns as King. Heb. 10:12, 13; Psalm 110