

# 5<sup>TH</sup> C OF HISTORY: CHRIST

**Text:** Genesis 3:15; Matthew 1:1-25; Luke 1:26-2:40; John 1:1-14

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**SUMMARY**—God’s perfect creation was corrupted by Adam when he disobeyed God in the Garden of Eden, ushering sin and death into the world. Because of Adam’s disobedience and because we have all sinned personally, we are all deserving of the death penalty and need a Savior (Romans 5:12).

What do you know about Jesus Christ? Was he a good teacher? A man of great morals? An interesting philosopher? Where did He come from? What did he accomplish in His life? Jesus Christ is the central figure of history. Yet most people don't understand the real reason He came to Earth or why He had to die. They don't realize that His coming was all part of God's eternal plan.

God did not leave His precious, but corrupted, creation without hope. He promised to one day send Someone who would take away the penalty for sin, which is death (Genesis 3:15, Ezekiel 18:4, Romans 6:23). God killed at least one animal in the Garden of Eden because of the sin of Adam; subsequently, Adam’s descendants sacrificed animals. Such sacrifices could only cover sin; they pointed toward the time when the One whom God would send (Hebrews 9) would make the ultimate, complete, and final sacrifice. This study is about that Someone, the Lamb of God, the Final Sacrifice.

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. Read Matthew 1:23, John 14:9, and Colossians 1:16. What do these verses teach us about Jesus Christ?
2. How does this event affect you and the world you live in?

## **RESOURCES ON THE WEB**

[answersingenesis.org/articles/ka/v8/n1/christ](http://answersingenesis.org/articles/ka/v8/n1/christ)  
[answersingenesis.org/articles/nab/does-archaeology-support-the-bible](http://answersingenesis.org/articles/nab/does-archaeology-support-the-bible)  
[answersingenesis.org/articles/cm/v7/n4/creator](http://answersingenesis.org/articles/cm/v7/n4/creator)  
[answersingenesis.org/articles/2007/12/24/the-last-adam](http://answersingenesis.org/articles/2007/12/24/the-last-adam)

***"Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."***

**Matthew 1:22-23**