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## Jesus And The Gospel Of The Kingdom

- In the previous lesson, we explored the importance of laying the complete foundation of God.
- We learned that God is building a house for Himself.
- God is using His Son as the foundation of the house. A choice and tested stone. The cornerstone.

In this lesson, we will explore who Jesus is and what His story is.

- Who Is Jesus?
- How did He become the foundation?
- Why Follow Him

Who is Jesus?

- Jesus was a man.
- A Jewish man
- Born of a woman, named Mary.
- Jesus lived as a young boy who grew up to become a carpenter.
- He left his career and began a ministry in his local area.
- Jesus died as a criminal but He rose as a King!

What makes Jesus unique isn't his race, his mother, or his occupation. What makes Him unique and "one of the kind" is why he appeared as these things and what He became.

Jesus is everywhere in the bible. The whole bible narrative is about Him. From the beginning to the end. It's all about Him. And who He is should radically transform your life.

## The Hope of Isreal

Let's start with a passage in scripture to set a foundation for the person of Jesus.

### *Psalm 2*

*1 Why are the nations in an uproar  
And the peoples devising a vain thing?  
2 The kings of the earth take their stand  
And the rulers take counsel together  
Against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying,  
3 "Let us tear their fetters apart  
And cast away their cords from us!"  
4 He who sits in the heavens laughs,  
The Lord scoffs at them.  
5 Then He will speak to them in His anger  
And terrify them in His fury, saying,  
6 "But as for Me, I have installed My King  
Upon Zion, My holy mountain."  
7 "I will surely tell of the decree of the Lord:  
He said to Me, 'You are My Son,  
Today I have begotten You.  
8 'Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance,  
And the very ends of the earth as Your possession.  
9 'You shall break them with a rod of iron,  
You shall shatter them like earthenware.'"  
10 Now therefore, O kings, show discernment;  
Take warning, O judges of the earth.  
11 Worship the Lord with reverence  
And rejoice with trembling.  
12 Do homage to the Son, that He not become angry, and you perish in the way,  
For His wrath may soon be kindled.  
How blessed are all who take refuge in Him!*

- This passage is a prophecy of the coming Anointed One of the Lord.
- The person was unknown but personal attributes were given to this One.
- He is Anointed. This indicates exalted and chosen for rulership. **vs2**
- He is King. Will be installed as King over the nations. **vs6**
- He will be a Son. He will have an inheritance from His Father. **vs7 vs8**

This passage not only gives us some detail on who The Anointed would be but also what He would do.

- He will be a warrior. "Breaking them down" **Vs9**

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- He will have full authority. “To shatter the nations” Vs9
- He will destroy through “anger and wrath”. Vs12

This coming Anointed One is coming with a purpose according to the scripture.

- He would be installed as a King On God’s throne
- He would reign over all the nations of the Earth
- He would inherit the nations and the whole earth would be His possessions.
- He would be a Son of the Lord, second in command, made first overall.

This reality was the hope of Isreal for those who were eagerly awaiting His arrival.

This concept of one coming to destroy his enemies and establishing reign over the nations is found throughout the Old Testament as the expected hope and the answer to God’s promise which He gave Moses all the way up to John the baptizer. It begins in Genesis 3.

## The Promise of God

*Genesis 3:15 NIV*

*And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”*

When Man turned from the command of God and fell into disobedience, The Lord was angry. But not toward Man as we may suppose, but rather He was *furious* at His enemy, the serpent.

- Notice, God started with Man.
- Man directed Him to Woman.
- Woman directed Him to the serpent.
- God directed the first blow to the serpent.

God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this:

- You are cursed
- I will put conflict between you and the seed of the woman.
- “He” will crush your head.
- You will strike His heel.

Notice the “He” in the promise. “He will crush your head..”

- Who is the “He”?
- What is “crush your head” mean?
- And what is strike His heel?

The prophetic statement to the serpent was a promise to Adam and Eve.

Imagine Adam and Eve hearing this come out the mouth of God right after hanging their heads low because of shame and guilt. Imagine their heads down while God is giving the serpent his punishment and promised destruction. Once they hear the promise of the serpent being destroyed forever, they slowly raise their heads up with a glimpse of hope, the good news. This promise is the Gospel of God.

I can hear them thinking, “if the serpent is gone, all things will go back to the way they were.

- But who is this promised ‘He’ God spoke about”?

Adam and Eve now have hope and are waiting for the promised “He” to destroy this deceiver. When they heard this promise of God, they said “this is good news”!!

## The Gospel of God

What is the gospel?

- The gospel is that a “He” will come to crush the head of His enemy.
- He will bring restoration of this broken world to a perfect union with God.
- Not only an act of restoration but an act of re-establishment.

Take note of Psalm 2:6

***“I have installed my king on Zion, my holy mountain.”***

- The holy mountain is the temple of God
- Scriptures talk about the Mountain of God that God made a garden in the beginning.
- God made Man from the ground and placed on the mountain.
- When man sinned, He was kicked out of the garden which was on the mountain, and placed on the ground.
- The scripture allude to the fact that the mountain was moved from earth to Heaven.

- Revelation talks about the New Jerusalem coming down from heaven where the tree of life will be again.

### Correlation Between Genesis 3:15 and Psalm 2:8-9

We now have a correlation with Genesis and Psalm 2 here. The “He” in the passage is this One who will be a chosen man who will destroy His enemies as we see in both passages. He will be King and Ruler over the whole earth. He will take possession back from His enemy.

The “crushing” from Genesis is the same language we see in Psalm 2 when it states, “You shall shatter them like earthenware.” This is an image of “cleaning house”. Anyone opposed to the Anointed One will be cut off.

I don’t believe that Adam and Eve were given more detail than a promised “He”.

- This created a faith attribute in Adam and Eve.
- They were living, having Faith God would bring forth His promises.
- Their eyes were fixed on a certain event.
- They began to long for this coming event. We know this as “The Day of the Lord”

### The Search For The “He”

Every man child born from then on was searched carefully to see if this was “The One.”

*1 Peter 1:9-11*

*9 ...obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls. 10 As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that would come to you made careful searches and inquiries, 11 seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow.*

The Gospel of God is a gospel of a coming Kingdom where a man will bring restoration of all things back to God for Man and one day Man will inherit the earth which he was destined to have from the beginning.

- Every Jew person believed this truth and was eagerly awaiting the coming of the promised one to bring relief to them.

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- This was their hope.
- That God would come down and dwell amongst His people as He had promised over and over again in the scriptures.

## The Prophets And Prophetic Utterances

*Job 19:25-27*

*25 "As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives,  
And at the last He will take His stand on the earth.*

*26 "Even after my skin is destroyed,  
Yet from my flesh I shall see God;*

*27 Whom I myself shall behold,  
And whom my eyes will see and not another.*

We have a redeemer who is alive. He will be on earth making a stand. I will be restored and I will see God with my own eye.

*1 Samuel 2:10*

*"Those who contend with the Lord will be shattered;  
Against them He will thunder in the heavens,  
The Lord will judge the ends of the earth;  
And He will give strength to His king,  
And will exalt the horn of His anointed."*

All who come against The Lord will perish. This will happen through His king, the anointed one. Connects well with Psalm 2.

*Isaiah 9:6-7*

*6 For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us;  
And the government will rest on His shoulders;  
And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.*

*7 There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace,  
On the throne of David and over his kingdom,  
To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness  
From then on and forevermore.*

*The zeal of the Lord of hosts will accomplish this.*

A man child will be born here, who will be given a government and this kingdom will be established forever.

## Prophetic Passage Summary

Based on these passages here, we can summarize that this Anointed One, Chosen one would:

- Be a redeemer
- Will Take a Stand on Earth
- Will be a Judge over the Earth
- Will be a King and anointed
- Will come as a child
- Will be a Son
- Be given a government
- Have a kingdom

## The Appearance of Jesus

The Jewish people, who were so planted in the oracles of God, were waiting for this Messiah figure. One who would be the redeemer of Israel, and bring relief to their toil.

Then Jesus came onto the scene. He showed Himself as the One they all waited for. Those who followed Him believed Him to be “The Christ, the Son of God”. This phrase, “The Christ, the Son of God” is a direct reference to Psalm 2. Christ means “Anointed” and son referring to vs 7.

This in mind, the Jews did have an expectation of Jesus establishing His throne on Earth at that time. And many wanted to follow Him for the purpose of fighting with Him.

**John 1:49**

***Nathanael answered Him, “Rabbi, You are the Son of God; You are the King of Israel.”***

Here we have the same attributes as Psalm 2. This is because this is what they were waiting to see.

**John 6:14-15**

***Therefore when the people saw the sign which He had performed, they said, "This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world." So Jesus, perceiving that they were intending to come and take Him by force to make Him king, withdrew again to the mountain by Himself alone.***

But Jesus was not ready to establish His throne. So He withdrew Himself from the crowd. But this didn't stop them from thinking He would be King.

On a couple of occasions, Jesus made Himself known as the Messiah, the anointed one. So He was claiming to be that one who would restore Israel. The one who makes His stand on the Earth and judge the nations. He would be the one to shatter the nations like earthenware. He would be the one who would crush the head of the serpent.

But is that what He did? Did he make a stand on Earth and establish a government on the throne of David that will never end? Did He shatter, crush His enemies and judge the Nations and smite them in His wrath?

No, this has not yet been accomplished by the King yet. In fact, Jesus is in the highest Heaven, sitting on the right hand of God. Yet, the scriptures said He would and this is the ultimate promise of God's restoration plan to remove that wicked enemy of His and bring His creation back to its original state. This only means one thing; we are still longing for the coming Messiah, the anointed one, the King to come and establish His throne on Earth. We long for the day that He will take vengeance on His enemies and crush the head of the Serpent.

## What Did Jesus Do On Earth?

If He did not come to be installed as King and rule over the nations, what was His purpose on Earth?

- He came to prepare the way of His Kingdom.
- To lay a foundation for His coming house. His household.
- He came to set up a new beginning on Earth. One that will be completed in the future.
- He came to call a people out so He could mold them into choice stones.
- He came to give us a taste and see of the coming kingdom.

**Mark 1:1**

*The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.*

**Mark 1:14**

*Now after John had been taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."*

## Jesus Preached His Kingdom

- The Gospel Jesus preached was the gospel of His Kingdom.
- There was no other gospel. The coming establishment of His throne on earth was the message He preached.
- The message He sent His disciples out to preach. The message John preached. The message Paul preached.
- There was no other message preached here.
- He came to prepare the hearts to receive the kingdom of God in their midst.
- The message was that the Kingdom of God was near, repent, and believe this good news.
- The good news was a restoration of all things. The completion of the present age and new age to come.

Matthew, Mark, and Luke are accounts of the teachings of Christ.

- They show us how Jesus taught
- What His Kingdom would be like.

John's account was an account, not about His teachings.

- But rather to prove Jesus was the King.
- He proved this by recording the signs that Jesus performed.

## Preparations For His Kingdom

- What were the preparations for His coming Kingdom?
- Is there anything we must do to be prepared?
- How should we live in light of this truth?

I leave you with this question in preparation for the next lesson, "When are we saved?"