

Jesus B.C.

Week 1: *Jesus in Word & Seed*

APPETIZER: Spiritual Heartburn

Luke 4:18-21; 18:31-33; 24:25-27, 33, 44

Matthew 5:17
John 5:39-40, 46
1 Peter 1:10-12
Hebrews 4:2
Acts 13:27; 17:2-3
Romans 16:25-27

Also see **Matthew 26:53-57; Mark 14:49; Luke 21:22; John 12:38; 13:38; 15:25; 17:12; Acts 1:16; 3:18; 13:33; James 2:23; etc.**

DINE IN: The Word & The Seed

WORD...

John 1:1-4

Genesis 1:3

Colossians 1:15-17
Hebrews 1:1-3
Revelation 13:8; also see Ephesians 1:4

Genesis 1:3; 3:15; 22:18

If the plan of redemption came before the creation, in Genesis 1-2 the Redeemer is creating the arena of His redemption.
~ David Murray, Jesus on Every Page

SEED...

Genesis 3:15 –

The PROTOEVANGELIUM = The first proclamation of the Gospel.

Genesis 22:18

Abraham's seed = God's people (plural) + Jesus (singular).

Galatians 3:8, 16
John 8:56

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet...
Matthew 1:22; 2:15; 2:17; 2:23; 4:14; 8:17; 12:17; 13:14; 13:13; 21:4; 27:9 (Also John 12:38; 19:24; 19:28; 19:36; etc.)

TAKE OUT: I'll Have That To Go Please

TAKE OUT #1: Seeing Jesus Everywhere In The Bible

When reading any part of the Old Testament, tie what you're reading to Jesus and the Gospel. In fact, if there is any possible way to see Jesus in a passage you're probably right to see Jesus in that passage.

TAKE OUT #2: Sensing Jesus Everywhere Else

When doing anything, tie what you are experiencing to Jesus. He is your creator and sustainer in every moment. He fills us, draws us into himself, and is himself the life energy of the entire universe.

TAKE OUT #3: We Have Work To Do

While Jesus has ultimately crushed Satan's head through the cross, the Church is called to partner with Christ to finish this work in practical ways. How are you defeating darkness through suffering, serving, sacrificial love?

Romans 16:20

Home Church Questions

HANGOUT [Warming Up to the Topic – in one Large Group]

1. A series about Jesus in the Old Testament, eh? What are you most/least looking forward to in this five week series?
2. After reviewing Sunday's message, talk about what stood out to you – lingering questions, "ah hah" moments, or convicting truths.
3. OPTIONAL WORSHIP ACTIVITY: Review "Take Out #2" and read **John 1:1-4** and **Colossians 1:15-17**. Go for a simple ten minute walk around the neighbourhood to mentally focus on Jesus as the Creator and Sustainer. Think and pray and practice awareness of Jesus as the life energy in your breathing, trees, any animals you see, other people, and the rest of the world around you, city, suburbs, or country. Come back and talk about your experience. Then spend time in worship.

HEAR [Listening to God through Scripture – in Discussion Groups]

4. Read **Genesis 3:15**, the *protoevangelium*.
 - a. What stands out to you from this verse?
 - b. The context is God cursing the Serpent, the mouthpiece of Satan (see **v 14**). Do you think in this case Satan was in the form of a literal talking snake? Or is the description symbolic? What about other aspects of this story – the Tree, the Fruit, Adam and Eve – literal or symbolic?
 - c. What difference, if any, does our answer to 4-b make to the rest of our theology and/or proclamation of the Gospel?
 - d. What do you think the seed/offspring of the serpent is referring to? Demons? People who follow the way of Satan? False religion? Something else?
 - e. How would you explain "The Gospel" using this verse? Take turns presenting the Gospel to each other, and weave the ideas of **Genesis 3:15** into your discussion.

HUDDLE [Making It Personal and Praying Together – in Huddles]

5. Use your 2/4/6/8 Huddle Questions.

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Are you planning on coming to or listening to *THE AFTER PARTY?*
(NOTE: No After Party for week 2.)

Quotes

Welcome to our new series on Jesus Before Christ.

Jesus taught his followers to read their own Scriptures with HIM in the centre of the story. Even before Jesus was born, before the Word became flesh, Christ was active in this world through promise, prophecy, and his active presence.

Jesus is the person to whom and from whom all history flows.
~ David Murray, Jesus on Every Page

From Genesis to Malachi, God has painted a portrait of Jesus. He's woven Christ into the ancient traditions and tucked Him inside the laws. Yes, Jesus is in the Old Testament.
~ Julianna Treadwell, Light Before the Son

Seeing Christ is the key to unlocking the message of Scripture, including the Old Testament.
~ Michael P.V. Barrett, Beginning at Moses

We do not start at Genesis 1 and work our way forward until we discover where it is all leading. Rather we first come to Christ, and he directs us to study the Old Testament in the light of the gospel.
~ David Murray, Jesus on Every Page

Predictions of the suffering Messiah begin with the prediction of the "seed" of the woman who would be bruised in the heel by the serpent.
~ Wayne Grudem, Commentary on 1 Peter

And I will put enmity
Between you and the woman,
And between your seed and her seed;
He shall bruise you on the head,
And you shall bruise him on the heel.
~ God to the Serpent (Genesis 3)