

# The Story of the Bible

## Life of Christ

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## Today's Key Takeaways

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  - Matthew; Mark; Luke; John
  - Jesus, God's only begotten Son, came as the Messiah (Christ) to be sacrificed so that man's sins could be forgiven
  - Christ's coming was in fulfillment of God's plan to reconcile with His creation after their sin
  - Jesus died for man despite their rejection
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## Points for Review

- Man was separated from God because of sin, but he can be reconciled through Christ.
- God's plan for reconciliation is revealed through the history recorded in the Bible
- We can utilize the 17 time period organization to help us to understand and remember the various events in the Bible

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- Both parts of the Divided Kingdom fell as a result of their sin and God's punishment
  - Israel fell to Assyria and was destroyed
  - Judah was taken into captivity by Babylon
- King Cyrus, of the Medo-Persian empire, had allowed the now-called "Jews" to return and rebuild the temple
- After a period of revelation, there were no inspired writings for about 400 years

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- Since the sin in the Garden of Eden, God had been promising the coming of the “Messiah”
  - Hebrew – “chosen one” or “anointed one”
  - Greek – translated “Christos”
  - English – translated from the Greek, “Christ”
- The Jews had been expecting and looking for this Messiah even while Jesus was among them
- Many of the Jews had different expectations for what the Messiah would do

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- The origin of the Messiah:
  - Genesis 3:15 – child of Eve
  - Genesis 12:3; 22:18 – through Abraham’s seed
  - Genesis 49:10 – the tribe of Judah
  - Psalm 2:7 – the son of God
- Each of these prophecies was fulfilled
  - Matthew 1; Luke 3:22-38
  - Acts 3:25

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- The purpose of the Messiah:
  - Genesis 3:15 – crush Satan’s head
  - Genesis 12:3; 22:18 – bless all families
  - Isaiah 53:6 – to take on all iniquity
  - Isaiah 61:1-3 – release people from oppression
- Each of these prophecies was fulfilled
  - Hebrews 2:14-15
  - Luke 4:14-21
  - Acts 3:22-26

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- Consider the track record of God’s people when it comes to accepting His authority:
  - Complaints against Moses’ leadership
  - Rejection of the judges, demanding a king
  - Rejection of God’s anointed
  - Rejection of God’s prophets
  - Rejection of God’s teachings
- Consider Jesus’ parable in Mark 12:1-12

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- The treatment of the Messiah:
  - Psalm 22
  - Isaiah 53
- Each of these prophecies was fulfilled
- Just as God's people had rejected Him in the past, they continued to reject His own Son
- Despite this, Jesus died so that we could be saved from sin and return to God (Romans 5)

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