

THE LIFE & TIMES OF JESUS THE MESSIAH OUTLINE

Week 1 – Introduction: Who is Jesus?

Jesus the Messiah, the Anointed One, the Son of God, is Emmanuel – God in the flesh. Jesus is God – always was and always will be. As Emmanuel – God in the flesh – He lived a perfect life and provided the final sacrifice for sin. He entered this world to identify with man. He knew what it meant to tend sheep, to catch fish, and to live in the shadow of the kings and empires of this world. He attended weddings. He experienced life in the everyday household of a Galilean community. His sandaled feet got dusty and dirty. He perspired and got thirsty in the burning sun of the Judean wilderness. Recognizing all this doesn't diminish our Savior! Recognizing all this makes the fact that God was willing to experience life in a fallen world for us more astounding and overwhelming.

Week 2 – The World Into Which Jesus Was Born

How did the 430 years between the OT and the NT impact the Jewish world into which Jesus was born? Why is that important? What do the genealogies of Jesus found in Matthew and Luke teach us?

Week 3 – The Silence is Shattered: The Birth Announcement of John the Baptizer

By stepping into Zacharias' sandals during the announcement and birth of his son, John, we'll be able to better grasp the link between the OT and the NT.

Week 4 – The Birth Announcement of Jesus

As we discuss the angel Gabriel's messages to Mary and Joseph regarding the birth of the promised Messiah, we will look at betrothal practices and the wedding feast in Jesus' day. We'll also focus on the virgin birth and how it impacts our salvation!

Week 5 – Jesus' Birth: The Shepherds Visit the Lamb of God

The birth of the Messiah was first proclaimed to lowly shepherds who were tending flocks that were destined for Temple sacrifice. We will accompany the shepherds, through Scripture, as they find the Babe in the manger – the Babe Who came first as the Suffering Servant – the perfect Lamb of God.

Week 6 – The Magi Visit the King

A gap of time is noted between the shepherds' visit and the arrival of the Magi. The Magi are king-makers who traveled in search of the King of the Jews. Who are these Magi? Why are they seeking the King of the Jews?

Week 7 – Jesus Fulfilled OT Prophecy

Meet Simeon and Anna – “Messiah watchers.” How do they share the big picture of Scripture with us? Four geographical locations surrounding Jesus' entrance into the world are noted in Matthew 2 which provide a link to the OT: Bethlehem, Egypt, Ramah, and Nazareth.

Week 8 – Jesus’ Baptism: Declared to be the Son of God

What was John’s baptism? Why did many Jewish people respond to John’s baptism?
Why did John baptize Jesus? What was God’s message to the world at Jesus’ baptism?

Week 9 – Jesus’ Temptation: Proof that He is the Son of God

At Jesus’ baptism, He said He came to fulfill all righteousness. At Jesus’ temptation, His righteousness was tested. At Jesus’ baptism, He was declared to be the Son of God by God the Father. At Jesus’ temptation, He was told to prove that He is indeed the Son of God.

Week 9 – Walking in the Dust of the Rabbi

Did you ever wonder why the disciples dropped everything when Jesus said, “Come, follow Me”? Discipleship in Jesus’ day speaks to our following Him today!

Week 10 – The First Miracle

Through His miracles during His first coming, Jesus proved His Messiahship. Regarding the first miracle at the wedding in Cana, it’s significant to note that the Hebrew Scriptures teach that during the Messianic/Millennial Kingdom, wine will flow liberally (Isa. 25:6, Jer. 31:12, Amos 9:13-14).