

MAILBOX BIBLE COURSE

LESSON 1 – COURSE 2 - NEW LIFE IN CHRIST TEENS AND ADULTS BIBLE STUDY

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JESUS CHRIST-- the PROMISED SAVIOUR

"These are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ..." John 20:31

Dear Friend,

It may come as a surprise to you, but the One who created the universe once lived here on this earth as a man. This One is none other than the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God. God wants us to believe on His Son and to receive Him as our Saviour. In order that we might know who Jesus is and what He did, God has given us four accounts of the life of His Son. The books in the Bible are called "the gospels," and they are named after the four men that God chose to write them--Matthew--Mark--Luke--

-John. At the beginning of his gospel, John speaks of the Lord Jesus as "the Word." John wrote, *"In the beginning was the Word (Lord Jesus Christ) and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." John 1:1.* From this verse, we see that the Lord Jesus always existed. Before anything was created, He was with the Father. He is God! But there was a time when the Son of God became a man and lived on this earth. The Bible says, *"And the Word was made flesh and dwelled among us..." John 1:14.*

CHRIST'S COMING WAS FORETOLD

Hundreds of years before the Lord Jesus came in the world; His birth was foretold in the Bible. "Foretold," means that men of God told what was going to happen long before it happened. God told the prophet Isaiah that, one day, a miracle child would be born. Isaiah wrote, *"Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel." Isaiah 7:14.* "Immanuel" means "God with us." This Child, who was promised by God, would not be an ordinary child; He would be God coming to be with us. Also, this Child would be born of a virgin; that is, He would be born of a pure, unmarried woman. He would be conceived by the Holy Spirit. The Jewish people called this promised Saviour "the Messiah." In the Greek language, He is called "the Christ." The Bible foretold exactly where the Messiah would be born. The prophet Micah wrote that He would be born in Bethlehem. For hundreds of years, God's people watched and waited for the Saviour whom God had promised. Then, one day, an angel appeared to a virgin named Mary. She was frightened, but the angel said, *"Fear not, Mary: for thou found favour with God. And behold, thou shalt conceive in womb, and bring forth a son and shalt call His name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the High and the Lord God shall unto Him the throne of father David: And He shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever and of His kingdom there shall be end." Luke 1:30-33.* The Lord Jesus was born in Bethlehem just as the prophet said. The angel of the Christ, the Son of the appeared to the shepherds in nearby fields to tell them the good news, *"Fear not for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:10-11.* When Jesus was just a tiny baby, Joseph and Mary took Him to the temple. At the temple there was a holy man of God named Simeon. God had revealed to Simeon that, before he died, he would see the promised Saviour. When Simeon saw the baby Jesus, he took Him in his arms and said, *"Lord, now let Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy Word: For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation." Luke 2:29-30.* What do these verses tell us? They tell us that our salvation is in person. The Lord Jesus Christ Himself is our salvation.

JESUS IS THE CHRIST

When the Lord Jesus was 30 years old, He began to teach and to preach. But when He came to His people, the Jews, most of them did not believe in Him. They did not receive Him as their Saviour. The Bible says, *"He came unto His own, and His own received Him not." John 1:11.* Is Jesus really "the Christ," the promised Saviour? Yes, He is! How we know? We know because the Bible says so. The Bible declares plainly that Jesus is the Christ. In John chapter 4, we have the account of Jesus talking with the woman at well. The woman thought that Jesus was a prophet. She said Him, *"I know that Messiah comes, which is called Christ when He is come, He will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, I that speak unto thee am He." Later on, when Jesus asked disciples, "Whom say ye that am?" Simon Peter said, "Thou art the Son of the Living God." Jesus was pleased with Peter's statement, and He said, "Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: flesh and blood has not revealed it unto you, but My Father which is in heaven" Matthew 16:17.* Now let us look at God's Word and see how Jesus fulfilled the prophecies concerning the promised Saviour. These prophecies written many hundreds before Christ was born.

Born in Bethlehem:

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Prophecy: *Micah 5:2, "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall He come unto Me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting."* **Fulfilment:** *Matthew 2:1. "...Jesus was born in Bethlehem Judaea in the days of Herod the king..."*

Born of a virgin....

Prophecy: *Isaiah 7:14*

"Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel" **Fulfilment:** *Matthew 1:18 "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as His mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost."*

Hands and feet pierced

Prophecy: *Psalms 22:16 "...they pierced My hands and My feet."*

Fulfilment: *Luke 23:33 "And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified Him...."*

Bore our sins

Prophecy: *Isaiah 53:6 "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all."* **Fulfilment:** *1 Peter 2:24 "Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree...."*

Forsaken of God

Prophecy: *Psalms 22:1 "My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me? Why art Thou so far from helping me...?"* **Fulfilment:** *Matthew 27:46 "And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying...My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?"*

Soldiers cast lots for His garments

Prophecy: *Psalms 22:18 "They part My garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture."*

Fulfilment: *Mark 15:24 "And when they had crucified Him they parted His garments casting lot upon them, what every man should take."*

Not a bone broken

Prophecy: *Psalms 34:20 "He keepeth all His bones: not one of them is broken."* **Fulfilment:** *John 19:33 "But when they came to Jesus, and saw that He was dead already, they break not His legs."*

Rejected by the Jews

Prophecy: *Isaiah 53:3*

"He is despised and rejected of men a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief...." **Fulfilment:** *John 1:11 "He came unto His own, and His own received Him not."*

Betrayed by a friend

Prophecy: *Psalms 41:9*

"Yea Mine own familiar friend in whom I trusted, which did eat of My bread hath lifted up his heel against Me." **Fulfilment:** *Mark 14:10 "And Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve went unto the chief priests, to betray Him unto them (See also John 13:21-26)"*

Sold for 30 pieces of silver

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Prophecy: *Zachariah 11:12 "... they weighed for My price thirty pieces of silver."* Fulfilment: *Matthew 26:14, 15 "Judas Iscariot... said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver Him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver."*

Crucified with sinners

Prophecy: *Isaiah 53:12 "...He was numbered with the transgressors; and He bare the sin of many. ..."*
Fulfilment: *Matthew 27:38 "Then were there two thieves crucified with Him, one on the right hand, and another on the left."*

Rose from the grave

Prophecy: *Psalms 16:10 "For Thou wilt not leave My soul in hell; neither wilt Thou suffer Thine Holy One to see corruption."* Fulfilment: *Matthew 28:5-6 "And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay."*

(NOTE: There are many other prophecies in the Bible concerning Christ. Some of them have to do with His Second Coming, these have not been fulfilled as yet, but they will be when Jesus come again). Over and over, the Lord Jesus emphasized one thing--that men must believe on Him in order be saved Jesus said to the Jews of His day, "*.. if you believe not that I am He (the promised Saviour), you shall die in your sins.*" *John 8:24*. First, let us see what the name "the Lord Jesus Christ" means, then we shall see what it means believe on the Lord Jesus Christ? It means to believe:

- That He is the Son of God;
- That He died on the cross for our sins and rose again;
- That by believing on Him, He becomes your very own Saviour, so that what He has done is really for you.

Jesus Christ is indeed the promised Saviour, but is He your Saviour? If you are not sure, you are saved, study carefully following Scriptures and give response. Remember, believing God means believing precisely what God says in His Word.

DISCOVERED GEM

Jesus is the Christ, the promised Saviour. If you have Him, you eternal life.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Read God's Word then give your response to this question.

GOD SAYS

"We have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world." I John 4:14

WHAT DO YOU SAY? Why did God send His Son into the world?

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have ever-lasting life." John 3:16

Does God love sinners? What must a sinner do in not to perish?

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"God commended (He showed) His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5 :8

Did Christ die for sinners? _____

Did He die for you? _____

"...as many as received Him (Jesus Christ), to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." John 1:12

What does one have to do to come a son of God?

Have you received Him? _____

"This is the record, that God has given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He that has the Son has life; and he that has not the Son of God has not life." Read- John 1:19-28

In Whom is eternal life? _____

If you have the Son, what do have? _____

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Place an "x" by the correct answer in the box provided.

1) In John 1:1, Jesus is called the Word, this verse tell us that the Lord Jesus is -

- a) not God.
- b) fully God Himself.
- c) created by God.

2) The prophet Isaiah's use of the name "Immanuel" for the baby Jesus shows that -

- a) Jesus was not God.
- b) Jesus was God but was very separate from us.
- c) Jesus was God and actually lived with people on earth.

3. When Simeon saw the baby Jesus he said, "Mine eyes have seen Thy salvation." This shows that God's salvation is -

- a) A matter of being very religious.....
- b) A person--the Lord Jesus.
- c) Trying to do the best we can.

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4. We can know that Jesus really is "the Christ" of God because -
- a) People say so.
 - b) We feel that it is true.
 - c) The Bible says so.
5. When Jesus spoke to the woman at the well (John 4:25-26) He declared to her that He was -
- a) A religious teacher.
 - b) The Messiah, called Christ.
 - c) A good man.
6. God has shown that Jesus is the Christ by -
- a) Fulfilling many prophecies concerning Him.
 - b) Making it "easy" to be a Christian.
 - c) Giving us "good feelings" about Jesus.
7. In 1 Peter 2:24, the Bible says that the Lord Jesus -
- a) Causes us to live good lives.
 - b) Overlooks our sins.
 - c) Bore our sins in His own body on the tree (the cross).
8. Over and over again, the Lord Jesus emphasized one thing -
- a) That men must try to do their best if they want to be saved.
 - b) That men must keep the Ten Commandments to be saved.
 - c) That men must believe on Him in order to be saved.
9. To become a child of God we must (John 1:12)-
- a) Do our best.
 - b) Do many good deeds.
 - c) believe in Jesus and receive Him as our Saviour.
10. The verses, 1 John 5:11-12 tell us that if we have the Son (Jesus) we have -
- a) A good chance that we will be saved
 - b) eternal life.
 - c) a good feeling.

What is the most important thing you have learned in this lesson?

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