

# The Journey

## Series 04: Christ

### Week 30: The Deliverer is Coming

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#### Review (Where We Have Been)

##### Where are we in God's BIG Story?

- Malachi (around 400BC) said someone would come to prepare the way (confess sin and receive forgiveness) for the Deliverer
- God did not speak through a prophet for 400 years, until an angel appeared to a priest, Zechariah, (about 5BC) and revealed that he would have a son (John) who would prepare the way for the coming Deliverer
- Zechariah not only prophesied concerning his son, but also the Deliverer...
  - ✓ The Deliverer would be the Lord (He alone can deliver people from Satan's control and penalty of sin)
  - ✓ The Deliverer would bring light (He would remove spiritual darkness from those who believe in Him)

#### BIG Idea

There's not just this one prophecy (*Malachi's prophecy about someone to prepare the way*) about the Deliverer in the Old Testament and fulfilled in the New Testament.

There are approximately 300 OT prophecies fulfilled in the Deliverer and over the next few weeks we'll be looking at a few of these key prophecies.

The prophecies show that God has a plan and carried it out exactly as He had said.

We'll be using a chart along the way to list some of these prophecies about the Deliverer and how they were fulfilled.

What God Said Would Happen to <b>The Deliverer</b>	
Prophecy	Fulfillment

## Information (What We Need to Know)

### ***The Angel's Prophecy to Mary about the Promised Deliverer...***

- She would be the mother of the Deliverer

**Luke 1:26 (ESV)** ...the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, **27** to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. **28** And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" **29** But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. **30** And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. **31** And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus [means Savior]."

✓ An angel told Mary that she would give birth to the Deliverer

✓ Mary also recognized that she needed a Deliverer/Savior

**Luke 1:47 (ESV)** "...and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior..."

- She would call His name Jesus, which means *The Lord is Salvation*

**Matthew 1:21 (ESV)** "She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

**Genesis 3:15 (ESV)** I will put enmity between you [*Satan*] and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; **he shall bruise your head**, and you shall bruise his heel.

God was proving His love for mankind and showing that His desire was for all people to be delivered from death - spiritual and eternal.

- Jesus would be both man and God

**Luke 1:32 (ESV)** He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. **35** And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God."

✓ There is one God in three persons (no physical body, but spirit). We call this the Trinity – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Separate but equal in every way

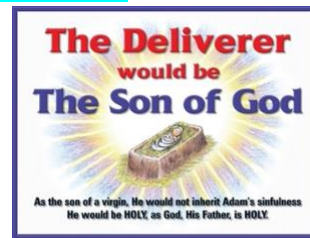
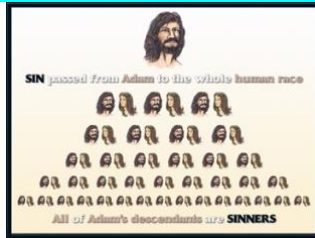
✓ However, for God's plan concerning the Deliverer to be carried out, God the Son had to be born as a human being

"The Deliverer, who was God the Son, had to come down from Heaven to be born on the earth as the child of Mary. Jesus would be both fully God and fully man in one body." – Firm Foundations

- Jesus would reign as King forever

**Luke 1:32 (ESV)** And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, **33** and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.

- Jesus would not inherit Adam's sin (sin is passed on through a human father)  
**Romans 5:12 (ESV)** ...sin came into the world through one man [Adam], and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned...  
**1 Corinthians 15:22 (ESV)** For as in Adam all die...



Because God was His father (not Adam), Jesus wouldn't inherit Adam's sinfulness. He would be born with the same character as God – holy/without sin.

- Jesus would be **the Christ**  
**Matthew 1:1 (ESV)** The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.  
 ✓ Jesus is His *name*, and **Christ** is His *title*  
 ✓ **Christ** is a Greek word meaning *Anointed One, Chosen One, Messiah*

***Jesus Christ was anointed (set apart) by God for three special duties...***

- Jesus Christ was God's FINAL Prophet (*to tell the truth to the world*)  
**Deuteronomy 18:15 (ESV)** The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me [Moses] from among you, from your brothers - it is to him you shall listen.  
 ✓ Jesus would speak God's final message to mankind  
 ✓ The message would be that God was sending Jesus into the world to reveal the way for all people to be delivered from Satan, sin, and everlasting judgment
- Jesus Christ was God's FINAL Priest (*to make a way back to God*)  
 ✓ **EVERY** year on the Day of Atonement, Jewish high priests would enter the Most Holy Place with the blood of an animal and sprinkle it on the mercy seat  
 ✓ Jesus came to be the final Priest who would offer a *once for all* sacrifice to God  
**Hebrews 9:25 (NLT)** And he did not enter heaven to offer himself again and again, like the high priest here on earth who enters the Most Holy Place year after year with the blood of an animal. **26** If that had been necessary, Christ would have had to die again and again, ever since the world began. But now, once for all time, he has appeared at the end of the age to remove sin by his own death as a sacrifice.
- Jesus Christ was God's FINAL King (*to forever rule Israel and the world*)  
**Isaiah 9:6 (NLT)** For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders.

## Application (What We Need to Do)

The Christ (Deliverer) was to be born in fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies.

The first one that we're looking at is as follows...

God promised King David that the Deliverer would be one of his descendants, and He reaffirmed this as a prophecy through the prophet Isaiah.

**Isaiah 9:7 (NLT)** His government and its peace will never end. He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity.

**Matthew 1:1 (ESV)** The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

*Son of David* evoked images of a Messiah with a royal lineage who would reestablish the throne in Jerusalem and the kingdom of Israel.

*Son of Abraham.* God's covenant with Abraham established Israel as a chosen people and also affirmed that the whole world would be blessed through his line.

What God Said Would Happen to <i>The Deliverer</i>		
Prophecy		Fulfillment
Isaiah 9:7	Be David's descendant	Matthew 1:1

God always keeps His promises. God always does what He says.

