

The Journey

Series 04: Christ

Week 31: The Deliverer Arrives

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Review (Where We Have Been)

Questions for Review...

When did God first promise to send the Deliverer?

After Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden.

- ✓ Righteousness (and being right with God) was gone
- ✓ Their sin brought death (spiritual, physical, eternal) as payment
- ✓ God promised a Deliverer to pay the sin debt and make people right with God

Why wouldn't the Deliverer (Jesus) be born a sinner?

Because God (not a man) would be His father. The Deliverer could pay the sin debt on behalf of people and make them right with God (give them righteousness)

What does the name *Christ* mean in Greek?

God's Anointed, Chosen One (also Messiah, Deliverer)

What three special duties was Jesus anointed (set apart) and chosen for?

- God's FINAL Prophet (spoke how people are delivered from sin, Satan and death)
- God's FINAL Priest (make **the** way for man to be reconciled to God)
- God's FINAL King (to forever rule Israel and the world)

BIG Idea

God is full of wisdom (knowledge applied).

All the knowledge in the world doesn't compare to God's wisdom.

We cannot understand the depths of His wise plan to deliver us.

We know God came to earth as a helpless baby but was sent to deliver us from sin.

Information (What We Need to Know)

Last week we focused on God's angel, Gabriel, appearing to Mary to reveal that she would give birth to the Deliverer.

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."

This week we will focus on an angel appearing to Joseph.

Who was Joseph?

- Engaged to Mary

Mary had already been promised in marriage Joseph. In their culture, engagement was a binding pledge equal to marriage, even though sex has not occurred.

- A just man (decided to divorce Mary quietly when she was found with child)

Matthew 1:18 (ESV) ...she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. **19** And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly.

- A true believer in God (God knew he would be a good earthly father)

“Just man is a Hebraism suggesting that he was a true believer in God who had thereby been declared righteous, and who carefully obeyed the law.” - FF

- Believer of the angel's message (truth about Mary's pregnancy)

Matthew 1:20 (ESV) But as he considered these things *[her pregnancy]*, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife...”

Prophecies Fulfilled in Jesus (the Deliverer)...

- The Deliverer would be born of a virgin (about 700 years before Jesus)

Isaiah 7:14 (ESV) Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel *[God with us]*.

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.” **22** All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: **23** “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel...”

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- The Deliverer would be born in Bethlehem (about 700 years before Jesus)

Micah 5:2 (NLT) But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, are only a small village among all the people of Judah. A ruler of Israel will come from you on my behalf.

Matthew 2:1 (ESV) Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king...



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- ✓ Wise men (interpreted special signs) came to worship Jesus as King of the Jews
Matthew 2:1 (ESV) ...wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, 2 saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”
- ✓ King Herod heard about this child who was supposed to be King of the Jews
Matthew 2:3 (ESV) When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled...
Why? When this child grew up, He might threaten Herod's position as king.
- ✓ Herod knew the religious leaders (familiar with the Scriptures) would know where the Deliverer was prophesied to be born, so he asked them
Matthew 2:4 (ESV) ...and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 5 They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet [Micah]...”
- ✓ Herod tried to get the wise men to tell him where Jesus was born, but the wise men returned to their country by another route
Matthew 2:11 (ESV) And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. 12 And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.
- ✓ God told Mary and Joseph to flee to Egypt so Jesus would be protected
Matthew 2:13 (ESV) Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.”
- ✓ King Herod called for the death of males in Bethlehem 2 years old or younger
Matthew 2:16 (ESV) Then Herod...sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under...
Who was behind the attack of Herod on all male children 2 years or younger? Satan. Why? He wants to destroy the Deliverer promised by God (Gen. 3:15).
- The Deliverer would be brought out of Egypt (about 700 years before Jesus)
Hosea 11:1 (ESV) When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. (*Think of Israel being led out of Egypt; Jesus saved out of Egypt*)
Matthew 2:14 (ESV) ...remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

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- The Deliverer would possess certain characteristics (about 700 years before Jesus)

Isaiah 11:2 (ESV) And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

Luke 2:52 (ESV) And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

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Isaiah 11:2 Some of His characteristics	Luke 2:52

Jesus grew physically, mentally, and spiritually (obeyed His Father perfectly)

- ✓ He was sinless and holy
- ✓ He always kept His Word
- ✓ He was completely righteous
- ✓ He was perfectly wise
- ✓ He was loving and kind
- ✓ He was merciful and gracious

Application (What We Need to Do)

As we study the life of Jesus, we will see that He fulfilled in detail every one of the Old Testament prophecies about the coming Deliverer.

Just as the time came when God did all He promised about the Deliverer, we can be certain that He will yet fulfill everything He has said in His Word.

Our eternal future depends on whether we believe God or follow our own ideas.

Jeremiah 17:7 (ESV) Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.