

The Life of Christ

Suffering Servant and Conquering King

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- Introduction
 - ✦ In this study we will look at the life of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
 - ✦ As God, His life has no beginning (or end).
 - ✦ As man, His life began with the begetting of his human soul and spirit [Ps 2:7].
 - ✦ His human soul and spirit were joined together with His deity in what is known as the hypostatic union.
 - ✦ The term incarnation refers to Jesus coming in the likeness of sinful flesh [Rom 8:3; Heb 2:14].
 - ✦ The hypostatic union pre-existed the incarnation of Jesus [John 1:1-2, 14].
 - ✦ Prior to His incarnation, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, already in hypostatic union, was actively involved in human affairs [1 Cor 10:1-4].
 - ✦ Many Old Testament events which describe the appearance of God are Christophanies – appearances of Christ Himself [John 1:18; 6:46].
 - ✦ The term “an angel of the Lord” in the N.T. is a reference to one of the holy angels.
 - ✦ The term “the angel of the Lord” in the O.T. is a reference to the preincarnate Christ.
 - ✦ This includes the meeting with Hagar [Gen 16:7-13], the restraint of Abraham [Gen 22:11-18], the burning bush [Ex 3:2-6], the encounter with Balaam [Num 22:22-35], the rebuke of Israel [Judges 2:1-4], Gideon’s visit [Judges 6:11-23], the message to Samson’s mother [Judges 13:2-25], the encouragement of Elijah [1 Kgs 19:1-8], the choices for David [1 Chr 21:9-30], the admonishment of Joshua [Zech 3:1-7], etc.
 - ✦ In our study of the life of Jesus Christ during His first advent, we will follow His life event by event through what is known as a harmony of the Gospels.
 - The harmony of the Gospels we will use was taken from Nelson’s Complete Book of Bible Maps and Charts and was adapted according to Chronological Aspects of the Life of Christ by Harold W. Hoehner.
 - Using this tool, we will take a chronological journey through passages in all three of the synoptic Gospels as well as the Gospel of John.
 - Before diving into the details of these events, we will do a read-through in order to get the big-picture view of His life.
 - ✦ Before we begin that read-through, we need to understand the differences between the four gospels.
 - The Book of Matthew was written with a focus on Jesus as the promised Jewish Messiah and King.
 - Matthew is filled with Old Testament quotations.

- Matthew places an emphasis on Jesus' teaching ministry.
- Much of Matthew is arranged logically and thematically, not strictly chronologically.
- The Book of Mark was written with a focus on Jesus as the Suffering Servant.
- Mark is written in everyday Greek with vivid and descriptive language from an eyewitness perspective.
- Mark places an emphasis on Jesus' actions.
- Mark is pastoral, encouraging discipleship.
- The Book of Luke was written with a focus on Jesus as the Son of Man.
- Luke was written in language more familiar to Gentile readers.
- Luke places an emphasis on Jesus' humanity.
- Luke presents many details about Jesus' earthly life.
- Luke is the only gospel that speaks of Jesus' childhood.
- The Book of John was written with a focus on Jesus as the Son of God.
- John records many of the miracles that Jesus performed.
- John places an emphasis on Jesus' divinity.
- John was written much later than the synoptic gospels.
- John was written to encourage people to believe in Jesus.
- Harmony of the Gospels
 - **Introduction to Jesus Christ**
 - ✦ Luke's Introduction [Luke 1:1-4].
 - ✦ Pre-incarnation work of Christ [John 1:1-18].
 - ✦ Genealogy of Jesus Christ [Matt 1:1-17; Luke 3:23-38].
 - **Birth/Childhood of Jesus and John the Baptist**
 - ✦ Announcement of the birth of John the Baptist [Luke 1:5-25].
 - ✦ Announcement of Jesus' birth to Mary [Luke 1:26-38].
 - ✦ Exclamation of Elizabeth to Mary [Luke 1:39-45].
 - ✦ Mary's song of praise [Luke 1:46-56].
 - ✦ Birth of John the Baptist, his father's prophecy [Luke 1:57-79].
 - ✦ Announcement of Jesus' birth to Joseph [Matt 1:18-23].
 - ✦ Birth of Jesus Christ [Matt 1:24-25; Luke 2:1-7].
 - ✦ Proclamation by the angels [Luke 2:8-14].
 - ✦ Visit of the shepherds [Luke 2:15-20].
 - ✦ Jesus' circumcision [Luke 2:21].
 - ✦ Witness of Simeon and Anna [Luke 2:22-38].
 - ✦ Visit of the Magi [Matt 2:1-12].
 - ✦ Escape to Egypt and murder of babies [Matt 2:13-18].
 - ✦ From Egypt to Nazareth with Jesus [Matt 2:19-23; Luke 2:39].

- ✦ Childhood of Jesus [Luke 2:40].
- ✦ 12-year-old Jesus visits the temple [Luke 2:41-50].
- ✦ Summary of Jesus' growth to adulthood [Luke 2:51-52].
- **The Life and Ministry of John the Baptist**
 - ✦ Childhood of John the Baptist [Luke 1:80].
 - ✦ John's ministry begins [Matt 3:1; Mark 1:1-4; Luke 3:1-2; John 1:19-28].
 - ✦ John and his message [Matt 3:2-12; Mark 1:5-8; Luke 3:3-14].
 - ✦ John's description of Jesus [Matt 3:11-12; Mark 1:7-8; Luke 3:15-18; John 1:26-27].
 - ✦ John's imprisonment and death [Matt 14:4-12; Luke 3:19-20].
- **Beginning of Jesus' Ministry**
 - ✦ The baptism of Jesus [Matt 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-23; John 1:29-34].
 - ✦ The temptation of Jesus [Matt 4:1-11; Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-13].
 - ✦ The call of the first disciples [John 1:35-51].
 - ✦ The first miracle [John 2:1-11].
 - ✦ The first stay at Capernaum [John 2:12].
 - ✦ The first cleansing of the temple [John 2:13-22].
 - ✦ Jesus at the Passover in Jerusalem [John 2:23-25].
 - ✦ Jesus teaches Nicodemus about salvation [John 3:1-21].
 - ✦ Jesus' co-ministry with John the Baptist [John 3:22-36].
 - ✦ Jesus returns to Galilee [Matt 4:12; Mark 1:14-15; Luke 4:14-15; John 4:1-4, 43-45].
 - ✦ The Samaritan woman at Jacob's well [John 4:5-42].
- **The Galilean Ministry of Jesus**
 - ✦ The healing of the nobleman's son [John 4:46-54].
 - ✦ Jesus is rejected at Nazareth [Luke 4:16-30].
 - ✦ Jesus moves to Capernaum [Matt 4:13-17].
 - ✦ The four become fishers of men [Matt 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:1-11].
 - ✦ A demoniac is healed on the Sabbath [Mark 1:21-28; Luke 4:31-37].
 - ✦ Peter's mother-in-law is healed [Matt 8:14-17; Mark 1:29-34; Luke 4:38-41].
 - ✦ Jesus preaching in Galilee [Matt 4:23-25; Mark 1:35-39; Luke 4:42-44].
 - ✦ A leper is healed [Matt 8:1-4; Mark 1:40-45; Luke 5:12-16].
 - ✦ A paralytic is healed [Matt 9:1-8; Mark 2:1-12; Luke 5:17-26].
 - ✦ The call of Matthew [Matt 9:9-13; Mark 2:13-17; Luke 5:27-32].
 - ✦ Jesus defends His disciples with a parable [Matt 9:14-17; Mark 2:18-22; Luke 5:33-39].
 - ✦ Jesus goes to Jerusalem for a second Passover and heals a lame man [John 5:1-47].
 - ✦ Jesus defends His disciples picking grain on the Sabbath [Matt 12:1-8; Mark 2:23-28; Luke 6:1-5].
 - ✦ Man with withered hand healed on the Sabbath [Matt 12:9-14; Mark 3:1-6; Luke 6:6-11].

- ✦ Multitudes are healed [Matt 12:15-21; Mark 3:7-12; Luke 6:17-19].
- ✦ Twelve apostles selected [Mark 3:13-19; Luke 6:12-16].
- ✦ Sermon on the Mount [Matt 5:1-7:29; Luke 6:20-49].
- ✦ Centurion's servant healed [Matt 8:5-13; Luke 7:1-10].
- ✦ Widow's son raised [Luke 7:11-17].
- ✦ Jesus encourages John the Baptist [Matt 11:2-19; Luke 7:18-35].
- ✦ Woes upon the privileged [Matt 11:20-24].
- ✦ Jesus' call to the weary and burdened [Matt 11:25-30].
- ✦ A sinful woman anoints Jesus [Luke 7:36-50].
- ✦ Jesus preaching in Galilee again [Luke 8:1-3].
- ✦ Jesus accused of blasphemy [Matt 12:22-37; Mark 3:20-30; Luke 11:14-26].
- ✦ A sign is demanded from Jesus [Matt 12:38-45; Luke 11:29-36].
- ✦ Relatives seek Jesus [Matt 12:46-50; Mark 3:31-35; Luke 8:19-21].
- ✦ Parables of the Kingdom [Matt 13:1-52; Mark 4:1-34; Luke 8:4-18].
- ✦ Jesus calms the Sea [Matt 8:23-27; Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:22-25].
- ✦ Jesus heals demoniac(s) [Matt 8:28-34; Mark 5:1-20; Luke 8:26-39].
- ✦ Jesus raises Jairus' daughter and heals woman with a hemorrhage [Matt 9:18-26; Mark 5:21-43; Luke 8:40-56].
- ✦ Jesus restores two blind men's sight [Matt 9:27-31].
- ✦ Jesus heals a mute demoniac [Matt 9:32-34].
- ✦ Jesus revisits Nazareth [Matt 13:53-58; Mark 6:1-6a].
- ✦ The twelve are sent out [Matt 9:35-11:1; Mark 6:6b-13; Luke 9:1-6].
- ✦ Herod beheads John the Baptist [Matt 14:1-12; Mark 6:14-29; Luke 9:7-9].
- ✦ Return of the twelve, Jesus withdraws, and 5,000 are fed [Matt 14:13-21; Mark 6:30-44; Luke 9:10-17; John 6:1-14].
- ✦ Jesus walks on water [Matt 14:22-33; Mark 6:45-52; John 6:15-21].
- ✦ Jesus heals at Gennesaret [Matt 14:34-36; Mark 6:53-56].
- ✦ Jesus' popularity begins to wane [John 6:22-7:1].
- ✦ Concern about traditions [Matt 15:1-20; Mark 7:1-23].
- ✦ Short journey to Phoenicia [Matt 15:21-28; Mark 7:24-30].
- ✦ Jesus heals the afflicted [Matt 15:29-31; Mark 7:31-37].
- ✦ Jesus feeds 4,000 [Matt 15:32-38; Mark 8:1-9].
- ✦ Pharisees increase attacks [Matt 15:39-16:4; Mark 8:10-13].
- ✦ Disciples warned about Pharisees and Sadducees [Matt 16:5-12; Mark 8:14-21].
- ✦ A blind man is healed [Mark 8:22-26].
- ✦ Peter's great confession about Jesus [Matt 16:13-20; Mark 8:27-30; Luke 9:18-21].
- ✦ Jesus foretells His death and resurrection [Matt 16:21-26; Mark 8:31-37; Luke 9:22-25].

- ✦ Kingdom promised [Matt 16:27-28; Mark 9:1; Luke 9:26-27].
 - ✦ The Transfiguration [Matt 17:1-13; Mark 9:2-13; Luke 9:28-36].
 - ✦ Jesus heals a possessed boy [Matt 17:14-21; Mark 9:14-29; Luke 9:37-42].
 - ✦ Jesus foretells His death and resurrection again [Matt 17:22-23; Mark 9:30-32; Luke 9:43-45].
 - ✦ Jesus pays taxes [Matt 17:24-27].
 - ✦ Jesus teaches humility [Matt 18:1-6; Mark 9:33-37; Luke 9:46-48].
 - ✦ Dealing with non-followers [Mark 9:38-41; Luke 9:49-50].
 - ✦ Warning about stumbling blocks [Matt 18:7-11; Mark 9:42-50].
 - ✦ The ninety-nine and the one [Matt 18:12-14].
 - ✦ Jesus teaches about discipline [Matt 18:15-17].
 - ✦ Jesus teaches about prayer [Matt 18:19-20].
 - ✦ Jesus teaches about forgiveness [Matt 18:21-35].
 - ✦ Jesus rejects brothers' advice [John 7:2-9].
 - ✦ Jesus departs from Galilee [Matt 19:1; John 7:10].
 - ✦ Samaritan rejection along the way [Luke 9:51-56].
 - ✦ The high cost of discipleship [Matt 8:18-22; Luke 9:57-62].
- **The Last Judean (and Perean) Ministry of Jesus**
- ✦ Jesus at the Feast of Tabernacles [John 7:11-52].
 - ✦ Jesus forgives adulterous woman [John 7:53-8:11].
 - ✦ Jesus is the Light of the world [John 8:12-20].
 - ✦ Intensifying conflict with the devil's sons [John 8:21-59].
 - ✦ Jesus heals the man born blind [John 9:1-41].
 - ✦ Parable of the Good Shepherd [John 10:1-21].
 - ✦ The sending out of the seventy [Luke 10:1-24].
 - ✦ The story of the good Samaritan [Luke 10:25-37].
 - ✦ Jesus in Mary and Martha's home [Luke 10:38-42].
 - ✦ Jesus teaches another lesson on prayer [Luke 11:1-13].
 - ✦ Jesus accused of doing Beelzebul's bidding [Luke 11:14-26].
 - ✦ The crowds seek a sign [Luke 11:27-36].
 - ✦ Woe to the Pharisees and the lawyers [Luke 11:37-54].
 - ✦ Jesus teaches various lessons [Luke 12:1-59].
 - ✦ Jesus calls for repentance [Luke 13:1-5].
 - ✦ The parable of the barren fig tree [Luke 13:6-9].
 - ✦ Jesus heals a crippled woman on the Sabbath [Luke 13:10-17].
 - ✦ Parables of mustard seed and leaven [Luke 13:18-21].
 - ✦ Jesus at the Feast of Dedication [John 10:22-39].

- ✦ Jesus withdraws beyond the Jordan [John 10:40-42].
- ✦ Jesus teaches in the villages [Luke 13:22-35].
- ✦ Jesus dines with a leader of the Pharisees [Luke 14:1-24].
- ✦ The demands of discipleship [Luke 14:25-35].
- ✦ Parables of the lost sheep, and the lost coin [Luke 15:1-10].
- ✦ Parable of the prodigal son [Luke 15:11-32].
- ✦ Parable of the unjust steward [Luke 16:1-18].
- ✦ Parable of the rich man and Lazarus [Luke 16:19-31].
- ✦ Jesus gives various instructions [Luke 17:1-10].
- ✦ The death and resurrection of Lazarus [John 11:1-44].
- ✦ Reaction to Lazarus' resurrection [John 11:45-54].
- ✦ Jesus begins His last journey to Jerusalem [Luke 17:11].
- ✦ Jesus heals ten lepers [Luke 17:12-19].
- ✦ Jesus teaches about the coming Kingdom [Luke 17:20-37].
- ✦ Parable about persistent prayer [Luke 18:1-8].
- ✦ Parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector [Luke 18:9-14].
- ✦ Jesus teaches about divorce [Matt 19:1-12; Mark 10:1-12].
- ✦ Jesus blesses little children [Matt 19:13-15; Mark 10:13-16; Luke 18:15-17].
- ✦ The rich young ruler [Matt 19:16-30; Mark 10:17-31; Luke 18:18-30].
- ✦ Laborers in the vineyard [Matt 20:1-16].
- ✦ Jesus foretells His death and resurrection again [Matt 20:17-19; Mark 10:32-34; Luke 18:31-34].
- ✦ Ambition of James and John [Matt 20:20-28; Mark 10:35-45].
- ✦ Jesus heals a blind beggar named Bartimaeus [Matt 20:29-34; Mark 10:46-52; Luke 18:35-43].
- ✦ The salvation of Zacchaeus [Luke 19:1-10].
- ✦ Parable of the Minas [Luke 19:11-27].
- ✦ Jesus returns to Mary and Martha's home [John 11:55-12:8].
- ✦ The plot to kill Lazarus [John 12:9-11].

○ **Jesus' Final Week of Work at Jerusalem**

- ✦ Triumphal entry [Matt 21:1-9; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:28-44; John 12:12-19].
- ✦ The Temple cleansed [Matt 21:10-17; Mark 11:15-18; Luke 19:45-48].
- ✦ The barren fig tree [Matt 21:18-22; Mark 11:12-14, 19-26].
- ✦ Jesus' hour has come [John 12:20-50].
- ✦ Jesus answers challenge from Sanhedrin with parables [Matt 21:23-22:14; Mark 11:27-12:12; Luke 20:1-19].
- ✦ Tribute to Caesar [Matt 22:15-22; Mark 12:13-17; Luke 20:20-26].

- ✦ Sadducees question the resurrection [Matt 22:23-33; Mark 12:18-27; Luke 20:27-40].
- ✦ Pharisees question commandments [Matt 22:34-40; Mark 12:28-34].
- ✦ Jesus and David [Matt 22:41-46; Mark 12:35-37; Luke 20:41-44].
- ✦ Jesus' final sermon [Matt 23:1-39; Mark 12:38-40; Luke 20:45-47].
- ✦ The poor widow's offering [Mark 12:41-44; Luke 21:1-4].
- ✦ Jesus tells the future [Matt 24:1-51; Mark 13:1-37; Luke 21:5-36].
- ✦ Parables: Ten virgins and talents [Matt 25:1-30].
- ✦ The Sheep and Goats Judgment [Matt 25:31-46].
- ✦ Jesus foretells the date of the crucifixion [Matt 26:1-5; Mark 14:1-2; Luke 22:1-2].
- ✦ Anointing by Mary at Simon's feast [Matt 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9; John 12:2-8].
- ✦ Judas contracts the betrayal [Matt 26:14-16; Mark 14:10-11; Luke 22:3-6].
- ✦ Preparation for the Passover [Matt 26:17-19; Mark 14:12-16; Luke 22:7-13].
- ✦ Passover eaten [Matt 26:20; Mark 14:17; Luke 22:14-16].
- ✦ Jealousy rebuked [Luke 22:24-30].
- ✦ Foot-washing [John 13:1-20].
- ✦ Judas revealed, then leaves [Matt 26:21-25; Mark 14:18-21; Luke 22:21-23; John 13:21-30].
- ✦ Jesus foretells further desertion [Matt 26:31-35; Mark 14:27-31; Luke 22:31-38; John 13:31-38].
- ✦ Institution of the Lord's Supper [Matt 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:17-20].
- ✦ Final lessons for the apostles [John 14:1-16:33].
- ✦ The High Priestly Prayer [John 17:1-26].
- ✦ The grief of Gethsemane [Matt 26:30, 36-46; Mark 14:26, 32-42; Luke 22:39-46; John 18:1].
- ✦ Betrayal, arrest, desertion [Matt 26:47-56; Mark 14:43-52; Luke 22:47-53; John 18:2-11].
- ✦ Examination by Annas [John 18:12-14, 19-23].
- ✦ Trial by Caiaphas and Council [Matt 26:57, 59-68; Mark 14:53, 55-65; Luke 22:54a, 63-65; John 18:24].
- ✦ Peter's triple denial [Matt 26:58, 69-75; Mark 14:54, 66-72; Luke 22:54b-62; John 18:15-18, 25-27].
- ✦ Condemnation by the Council [Matt 27:1, Mark 15:1a; Luke 22:66-71].
- ✦ Suicide of Judas Iscariot [Matt 27:3-10].
- ✦ First appearance before Pilate [Matt 27:2, 11-14; Mark 15:1b-5; Luke 23:1-7; John 18:28-38].
- ✦ Jesus before Herod [Luke 23:8-12].
- ✦ Second appearance before Pilate [Matt 27:15-26; Mark 15:6-15; Luke 23:13-25; John 18:39-19:16].
- ✦ Mockery by Roman soldiers [Matt 27:27-30; Mark 15:16-19].
- ✦ Jesus led to Golgotha [Matt 27:31-33; Mark 15:20-22; Luke 23:26-33a; John 19:16-17].
- ✦ Jesus refuses the wine [Matt 27:34; Mark 15:23].

- ✦ Events of the first three hours on the Cross [Matt 27:35-44; Mark 15:24-32; Luke 23:33b-43; John 19:18-27].
- ✦ Last three hours on the Cross [Matt 27:45-50; Mark 15:33-37; Luke 23:44, 46; John 19:28-30].
- ✦ Events attendant to Jesus' death [Matt 27:51-56; Mark 15:38-41; Luke 23:45, 47-49].
- ✦ Burial of Jesus [Matt 27:57-60; Mark 15:42-46; Luke 23:50-54; John 19:31-42].
- ✦ The tomb is sealed, women observe [Matt 27:61-66; Mark 15:47; Luke 23:55-56].
- **The Resurrection through the Ascension**
 - ✦ Women visit the tomb [Matt 28:1-8; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-11].
 - ✦ Peter and John see the empty tomb [Luke 24:12; John 20:1-10].
 - ✦ Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene [Mark 16:9-11; John 20:11-18].
 - ✦ Jesus' appearance to the other women [Matt 28:9-10].
 - ✦ Guards report the resurrection [Matt 28:11-15].
 - ✦ Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the Emmaus Road [Mark 16:12-13; Luke 24:13-35].
 - ✦ Jesus' appearance to disciples {sans Thomas} [Mark 16:14; Luke 24:36-43; John 20:19-25].
 - ✦ Jesus' appearance to disciples {with Thomas} [John 20:26-31].
 - ✦ Jesus' appearance to seven disciples [John 21:1-25].
 - ✦ Jesus' appearance to five hundred brethren [1 Cor 15:6].
 - ✦ Jesus' appearance to James [1 Cor 15:7].
 - ✦ The Great Commission [Matt 28:16-20; Mark 16:15-18; Luke 24:44-49].
 - ✦ The ascension [Mark 16:19-20; Luke 24:50-53].