

Pln10 - **Jesus The Messiah - The Gospels**

**Our Subject** today is Far, **Far TOO BIG** to teach in **1 session** - In fact, **I'll be teaching** this subject (in some way) the **Rest of My LIFE**

**Jesus - The - Messiah** - No **Bigger** subject - No more **All-Inclusive** subject - No other **Single Subject** that encompasses **ALL** the Bible  
**Jesus - The - Messiah**

We **cannot absorb** this **Subject** in **One Msg**  
We **can't Fully Absorb** this **Subject** in a Life-Time

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The - **Incarnation** - **Life** - **Sacrificial Death** - & **Resurrection**  
of **Jesus Christ** - is the absolute **FULCRUM** of **Human History**

**ALL** of **God's Word** **BEFORE** it - **POINTS - To It**  
**ALL** of **God's Word** **AFTER** it - **Springs Forth - From It**

It is the **FULCRUM** - The **HINGE** - The **TURNING POINT**  
of the **History** of **ALL** of **God's creation**

In **Jesus Christ** - **God became Man** - & **came** to earth **Himself**  
in order to **REDEEM Mankind**

The **Great Reconciliation** of **Sinful Man - to a Holy God**  
is **completely Fulfilled** in **Christ**

**God HIMSELF** - Is **Fulfilling HIS OWN Plan** of **Redemption**  
**IN - Jesus the Messiah**

**Let's Pray**

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**Remember** - God wrapped Up the O.T. with 2 Promises to His People  
1) A Messiah - & 2) A New Covenant

But When the O.T. ends most Israelites are still in exile

Some had returned to the Promised Land - & a smaller Temple  
had been rebuilt - but things were nowhere Near - the same

as the NT opens - things had not really improved much for Israel

Rome now ruled the land - Herod had built a new temple for the Jews  
a kind of a huge remodel to the Existing Temple

Israel was worshipping & sacrificing in the Temple again  
but they were under Roman rule

& they looked nothing like The Kingdom of God - Not in the way  
they THOUGHT the "Kingdom of God" should Look anyway

Most of Israel believed God would still RESTORE the Kingdom  
But they were deeply divided on the HOW

The PHARISEES - SADDUCEES - ZEALOTS - ESSENES . . .

They ALL had Radically DIFFERENT Ideas - On HOW  
God was going to MAKE GOOD on His Promises

& Right INTO this MESS - Jesus Christ was born

to a young, humble, 'Betrothed' couple from Nazareth . . . who  
BOTH happened to be descended from the LINE OF DAVID

Jesus CAME into this world in a way that  
Defied Every Religious Group's Expectations

**Pharisees - Sadducees - Zealots - Essenes - Jesus Christ DEFIED - SOME PART of the Assumptions of EACH of these Groups**

Which should be a **STRONG LESSON**  
regarding **OUR OWN Religious Assumptions**

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**Guys - We have GOT to Get to Know Jesus  
For WHO the Bible SAYS He IS**

It takes **ALL Four Gospel's** to **Begin** to **Scratch the Surface**  
of **WHO** Jesus Christ **IS**

**MATTHEW** shows Him as ***"King of The Jews"***

**MARK** shows Him as ***"Servant of the Lord"***

**LUKE** shows His **Humanity** as ***"Son of Man"***

**JOHN** shows His **Deity** as ***"Son of God"***

We **most often** have **New Believers** read **JOHN** - **Because**  
of it's **Clear Presentation** of Jesus as **Son of God & Savior**

But to **get** an initial '**Life-Changing**' **OVERVIEW** of the **Life of Jesus**  
I **recommend** a **book** called - **THE STORY OF JESUS**

**which** is the **text** of the **NIV Bible** - with **ALL FOUR Gospels** put  
together - **It's** the **Life of Jesus** as **One Seamless Story**

We've **given away cases** of these  
& **Prob** have **some** in the **back** today

We've **GOT** to **GET** a **FIRM GRASP** on the **Life** of Jesus Christ  
**Because** it is **THE TURNING POINT** of **Human History** !!

**Regardless** of what **Secular Humanists DO** to our **DATING SYSTEM**  
**TOO LATE** - The **World's Calendar TURNS** on the **Life of Jesus**

& **WE** - As His **followers** - should have a **VERY FIRM GRASP**  
on His **Life, Death, & Resurrection**

So Grab "**THE STORY OF JESUS**" in the **NIV**  
for a **Compilation** of the **Life of Jesus**

or **READ** thru the **Gospels** (in a version you understand) - & **PRAY**  
God would **REVEAL** to you - **WHO** Jesus Christ **really IS**

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& **WHAT IS IT** - that we **REALLY** need **to GRASP**  
as **we're learning** about the **Life of Jesus Christ ??**

**Is it** that He **seemed** to be a **Good Teacher**? Or **that** He **had**  
some **good ideas** (that if **mixed** with **Oprah's**) could **really help**?

In **MAT 16 Jesus** asked His **Disciples** a **Question**  
for **THIS Same Reason . . .**

to **see** if they were **Grasping** the **HIGHEST PRIORITY**  
of **His Life** on **Earth**

**Jesus** was in the **Northern Galilee** with His Disciples (*fav place*)

**& In Matthew 16:13-15 - we read (ESV)**

**13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he  
asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"**

**14 And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah,  
and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."**

**15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"**

**THAT** is the **Highest Priority Question**  
You will **EVER** be **Asked** - **IN YOUR LIFE**

**WHO Do YOU Say Jesus Christ Is?**

& in the **Next Vs** - **Peter Gets it - RIGHT** (**Highest Priority**)

**Matthew 16:16 (ESV)**

***16 Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”***

In **Hebrew** - **You are the MESSIAH**

**Peter** is **saying** to Jesus - **YOU** are the **FULFILLMENT** of **ALL**  
the **O.T. Promises** - You are **the One Promised** from **God**  
**The One** Who will **FULFILL** & **ACCOMPLISH** **God’s Plan**

**THIS** is the **PURPOSE** of the Gospels . . .

To **SHOW US** The **Messiah** - The **Christ** - **HAS COME**  
from God - **TO FULFILL** God’s **Plan**

**In fact** - at the end of **John’s Gospel** - **John says** there were  
**MANY SIGNS** done by **Jesus** Christ - that **Could Not** be included

**& then he says In John 20:31 (ESV)**

***31 but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.***

**John’s gospel** - & the **other Gospels** - have been **written**  
that **YOU MAY BELIEVE** that **Jesus IS** the **Christ** (Messiah) . . .

& that **BY Believing** you **may have LIFE** in **His Name**

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Now - The TIPPING POINT - The FINAL WORD on this . . .

Is that the Gospels show us CLEARLY -  
that Jesus was BOTH - FULLY MAN - & FULLY GOD

Because Ultimately we REALIZE - that NO Earthly Man  
Could EVER BE God's Messiah

Jesus was Fully Man - MATHEW Traces his Family Tree back to  
Abraham - LUKE traces His Family Tree back to ADAM

HEB 4:15 says Jesus was  
*Tempted in every respect as we are, yet without sin*

The Gospels say Jesus grew Hungry & Tired, & He Wept

The PAIN He felt every step of the way to the CROSS was Just as  
100% REAL as if YOU were experiencing that Same Pain yourself

Jesus was FULLY MAN - &  
Jesus was FULLY GOD

JOHN CH 1 explains that Jesus did NOT begin His existence at birth  
but that He has ALWAYS Existed

One of John's favorite names for Jesus is - THE WORD  
LOGOS - Lit = God in Expression (Jesus IS The Word)

& John 1:1-4 - IN THE NLT - says this;

*1 In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with  
God, and the Word was God.*

*2 He existed in the beginning with God.*

*3 God created everything through him, and nothing was created  
except through him. → →*

**4 The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone.**

**& then - John 1:14 says (NLT)**

**14 So the Word (God in expression) became human and made his home among us . . .**

**Jesus Christ is GOD - In the FLESH**

Now - There is **ONLY ONE GOD** - & The **Bible teaches** He exists as **3 Distinct Persons** - **Father**, **Son**, & **Holy Spirit**

**ONE God - THREE Persons !!**

**& Jesus is - GOD in the FLESH**

**& the Four Gospels - Give us the DIVINE Picture of Jesus - AS God In the Flesh**

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**We can look at the entire Bible & it seems so CLEAR - In Jesus - is the Fulfillment of God's Plan of Redemption**

But **In Spite** of the **Undeniable Miracles** & **Proofs** - **STILL** the **Jewish Religious Community** (for the most part) **REJECTED Jesus** as the Messiah

Their **Self-Focus** - & their **Religious Confidence** - **Blinded them** to Who Jesus Christ really was

**& we need to be careful we don't suffer the SAME BLINDNESS**

**Their Blindness didn't** come from **NOT HEARING** the truth - But **Refusing** to **BELIEVE the Truth** - like **SO MANY** people today

Jesus **didn't HIDE Who** he was - He **Made it** Perfectly **CLEAR**

& like today - it was the Hardness of the people's hearts that kept them from believing - NOT the Lack of EVIDENCE

In Luk 24 - AFTER the Resurrection - Jesus reminded His Disciples

### Luke 24:44 (NLT)

*44 . . . "When I was with you before, I told you that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and in the Psalms must be fulfilled."*

The O.T. (That the Jews call the Law & the Prophets)  
Made it Perfectly Clear WHO the Messiah would be

& when His Disciples were unsure about the way things were going

Jesus told them - ALL that's written ABOUT ME  
in the Law - the Prophets - (& the Psalms) . . .

It ALL MUST be Fulfilled - Every prophecy MUST Be Fulfilled

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The Greek Version of the O.T. (Septuagint)  
was finished (in writing) in 270 BC (270 ys Before Christ)

In the Septuagint there are 300 Prophecies about the Coming  
Messiah's Life on Earth - & Jesus Christ fulfilled Every Single  
One of those Prophecies - WRITTEN 270 years before His birth

To try to get an idea HOW BIG that is - Let's take just EIGHT  
of the O.T. Prophecies Jesus fulfilled during His life

In Micah 5:2, the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem.

In Zechariah 9:9, the King would be presented to Israel on a donkey.  
The exact day, by the way, is given in Daniel 9:25, and Jesus'  
Triumphal Entry was on that exact day.



In **Zechariah 11:12**, The Messiah would be betrayed for 30 pieces of silver.

**Zechariah 11:13**, it says the betrayal will occur in the temple, but the money will end up in a potter's field.

**Zechariah 13:6** says He'll have wounds in His hands.

**Isaiah 53** says He'll be charged with a capital crime and plead no defense.

& **Isaiah 53** says He'll die with criminals, but be buried with the rich.

**Psalms 22**, was written 700 years before crucifixion was invented, describes the crucifixion of Jesus Christ in exact detail.

To figure out what the chances are of ONE Person fulfilling just EIGHT of these Prophecies, you have to use *composite probability* because these eight events have to occur one on top of the other.

Chuck Missler has done the Math for us. He says the Chance of One Person on earth meeting these eight composite Prophecies - is 1 to 10-to-the-17<sup>th</sup> power

How do we GRASP that? Missler says the best way to get a picture of this is to IMAGINE a bowl filled with silver dollars - & ONE of the silver dollars has a MARK on it

The chances of Jesus Christ meeting these 8 composite probabilities are the same chances of you reaching in that bowl and grabbing that One marked silver dollar.

Now the only question is, how **BIG** does the bowl have to be to fit this number of silver dollars - 10 to the 17<sup>th</sup> power?

The bowl has to be the size of Texas, covered two feet deep in silver dollars, with just one marked

You can fly over the state of Texas, reach down and grab one at chance, and the chances of you grabbing the marked one is the same as the chances of Jesus Christ coincidentally meeting just these eight composite prophecies. Not to mention the other 292 He also MET.

**WHY Didn't the Jews SEE IT ??**

**WHY Don't People SEE IT Today??**

**Because they don't WANT to SEE IT  
the Hardness of their Hearts Blinds their Eyes**

But we must **CONT to PRAY** for them - & **LOVE them**  
& **Continue** to **SHOW** Them **Jesus** - ***Until they are willing to see***

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The **ENTIRE Bible** ( & espec the NT) - **Points the Way**  
to **Jesus Christ** - & *more specifically* - To **WHO** Jesus Christ **IS**

& **God's Plan of Redemption: Genesis to Revelation**  
Ultimately **DEMANDS** that we **come to terms** with **WHO** Jesus **IS**  
& How **HE ALONE** is the **Center** of **God's PLAN**

The **O.T.** made it **SO CLEAR** - **God** would **Establish** His **Kingdom** -  
**which** would **include Salvation** & **New Life** for His **people**

& at the **very beginning** of **MARK'S** Gospel - **Jesus** Made it **CLEAR**

**In Mark 1:15 - Jesus Proclaimed (NLT)**

***15 "The time promised by God has come at last!" [Jesus] announced. "The Kingdom of God is near! Repent of your sins and believe the Good News!"***

**The FOUR GOSPELS Make it Clear**

The **TIME Promised** by God **had come** at last  
The **Kingdom of God** was **NEAR** . . .

& the WAY to ENTER it was to REPENT of your Sin  
& BELIEVE the Good News of Jesus Christ

When God promised Abraham - all the nations would be blessed  
through his descendants, He was referring to Jesus

Gal 3:8 explains HOW that happened

When God made His covenant with Moses and gave Israel the Law -  
That LAW of Moses - would ultimately be fulfilled in Jesus Christ

Matt. 5:17 Jesus said he came to FULFILL the LAW

When God DWELT with Israel - In the Tabernacle & Temple - It was  
a picture of God Dwelling with Man - that became a Reality in Jesus

John 1:14 says 'The Word' became flesh & DWELT among us

When God promised David his throne would be established forever,  
He was Referring to the Eternal Reign of Jesus Christ

Rev 19:16 says when Jesus takes control of this world  
it's as the Eternal King of Kings & Lord of Lords

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Reading the 4 Gospels - Should Leave us with only ONE CHOICE  
Do we BELIEVE - WHO Jesus Christ IS - OR NOT?

It's often been said - that if you truly consider the Life of Jesus -  
that you must choose One of Two things about Jesus . . .

Either He was a LUNATIC - Or He was LORD !!!

Because the Bible DOES NOT give you ANY other OPTIONS  
- Lord OF ALL - Or NOT Lord AT ALL

& EACH of us - must come to grips  
with whether we TRULY BELIEVE that - or NOT

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1 reason the Jews just couldn't believe Jesus was the Messiah

is because He allowed Himself to be Executed  
as a Common Criminal - without even putting up a Fight

Israel was looking for a Victorious King - a Conquering King -  
& they could NOT Grasp - VICTORY THRU DEATH

& that's some people's problem today - They don't understand  
the VICTORY thru DEATH Concept of Jesus Christ

Even the closest Disciples didn't really understand the  
VICTORY-thru-Death - PATH - that MADE Jesus The Messiah

Yet ALL of the Gospels are very clear - God became Man  
to DIE in Man's Place - to BE OUR Sacrifice for Sin

BEFORE Jesus was even BORN - An Angel told Joseph . . .

Matthew 1:21 (ESV)

*21 . . . and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.*

In JOHN 1:29 - When John the Baptist saw Jesus coming

He said in John 1:29 (ESV)

*29 . . . Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!*

## **1 Corinthians 5:7 says (ESV)**

***7 . . . For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.***

### **Here's the Deal . . .**

**Israel wanted a VICTORIOUS KING - & they GOT  
the Most Victorious King - God could ever Give them**

**Israel wanted a CONQUERING Messiah - & they GOT  
the Most Conquering Messiah - God could ever Give them**

**Because The Problem (ultimately) is - SIN = DEATH (Rom 6:23)**

Your ETERNAL Problem - Your ULTIMATE Problem  
The Problem that Stands BETWEEN you & God - is SIN

**& Jesus - the CONQUERING Messiah - the VICTORIOUS Christ  
CAME to CONQUER Your SIN Problem  
CAME to Give you VICTORY over your SIN**

The ENEMY that You CAN'T BEAT on your OWN - is SIN  
& JESUS Came - To Victoriously Conquer - THAT Enemy

### **Ephesians 2:4–5 (NLT)**

***4 But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much,  
5 that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us  
life when he raised Christ from the dead . . .***

**God's Plan: From Genesis to Revelation - is to Exchange  
your DEATH in SIN - For HIS LIFE in JESUS CHRIST**

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**JESUS IS MESSIAH - Because He Conquered the Enemy  
No Other King could ever Conquer**

& He **DID it** - By **Taking OUR PLACE** - **IN DEATH**

**2 Corinthians 5:21 (NLT)**

***21 For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.***

**THIS** is the **FULCRUM** - The **HINGE** - The **EPICENTER**

**ALL** of God's Plan **BEFORE** this - **POINTS To It**

**ALL** of God's Plan **AFTER** this - **SPRINGS FORTH** - **From It**

& **NONE** of the **Rest of it MATTERS** - **Unless** you **FIRST**  
**Surrender Your Life** - to the **EPICENTER** of **God's Plan** . . .

**JESUS - The Messiah**

**Let's Pray**