

The Gospel Narrative Through the Lens of Christ

- **In the Beginning was the Word:** (Word = Jesus)
 - John 1:1-3: **In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made.**
 - Hebrews 3:1-2: Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by **his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.**
 - Revelation 1:8: **"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."**
- **Sin Problem:**
 - Romans 5:12-14: **Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—** for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come."
 - Romans 3:23: **"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,"**
 - 2 Chronicles 6:36: **"for there is no one who does not sin"**
 - Romans 3:10-12: **"as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.""**
 - Isaiah 59:2: **Your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.**

Eternal Condemnation for Sinners:

- Romans 6:23a: **For the wages of sin is death //**
- Revelation 20:15: **Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.**
- 2 Thess. 1:7-9: **when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might.**

- Mark 9:23: **Hell, where the fire never goes out.**
- Matthew 13:50: **The blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.**
- Romans 6:23a: **BUT the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

- **Jesus' Birth:**
 - Isaiah 7:14: **Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.**
 - Isaiah 9:6: **"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."**

- **Jesus as a Child:**
 - Luke 2:52: **"And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man."**
 - Colossians 2:9: **For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily (Fully God and Fully Human)**

- **Jesus' 3 year Ministry:** (I am statements)
 - The Gate (Way, the truth and the life): John 10:9/ 14:6
 - Light of the world: John 8:12
 - The Good Shepherd: John 10:11
 - The Vine: John 15:5
 - Bread of Life/Living Water: John 4:13-14, John 6:35 and John 7:37-39

- **Jesus' Death and Resurrection:**
 - Romans 5:8: **God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**
 - Hebrews 2:17-18: **"Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted."**
 - 1 Peter 2:24: **"He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed."**
 - 2 Corinthians 5:21: **"For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."**

- **Jesus Paid the Price for Our Sins, Offering Us Life:**
 - **Romans 10:9-10: If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.**
 - **1 John 1:8-9: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
 - **John 5:24: Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.**
 - **Ephesians 2:1-10: “And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”**

- **Jesus sent His Holy Spirit:**
 - **John 14:26: “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.”**
 - **Galatians 5:22-25: But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.**

- **Phil. 2:12-13: Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.**
- **Romans 8:26-27: Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because **the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.****

- **Jesus is Now Seated at the Right Hand of God the Father:**
 - **Hebrews 1:3: He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.**
 - **Revelation 3:21: “The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne.”**
 - **Revelation 5:9-10: “And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.”**
 - **Romans 8:34-39: Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. **For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.****

- **Jesus is Coming Again:**
 - **Matthew 24:30: Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.**
 - **Matthew 24:44: Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.**
 - **Hebrews 10:23-25: Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.**
 - **Revelation 21:3-7: “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.**