

More Than A Baby: God's First Promise
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FBC MISSION: Seeking to honor God by developing fully devoted followers of Jesus who love, live and share Him.

Text: Hebrews 12:2, Genesis 3:1-15, Galatians 4:4-7, 1 John 3:8

Introduction:

Big Idea: Jesus is the _____ of God's first promise and our _____ —
MORE than a Baby.

Insight #1 -- Jesus will _____ more than a baby to you if you fail to understand the context (Hebrews 12:2, Genesis 3:1-14)

1. Jesus is the "founder" and "finisher" of our faith
 - FOUNDER is (archégos), He is the pioneer or originator, the one who begins and takes the lead (He is the primary example of faith)
 - PERFECTER (teleiōtēs), the One who carries it through to completion (John 19:30, Philippians 1:6)

2. Mankind, left to himself, is under the power, dominion, control of the _____
 - Read Luke 11:21-23

3. Jesus came as the promised _____

Insight #2 – Jesus is the _____ in the Gospel making him MORE THAN A BABY (Genesis 3:15)

1. The prediction of _____
 - enmity - which means "hostility" or "animosity"
 - offspring – in Hebrew the word is "seed", That "seed" or offspring refers to the men and women of faith in every generation who have believed in God

2. The prediction of _____ and _____
 - "he shall bruise your head" – _____ victory
 - "you shall bruise his heel" – _____ defeat

Truth Into Action:

- Jesus is more than a baby HE IS THE FIRST FULFILLED PROMISE. Build your life on His promises!
- Jesus is more than a baby HE IS OUR ENEMY CRUSHER. Let Jesus defeat your enemies!



Please understand we want to help you know Jesus personally and journey with you in taking fresh steps of obedience daily. We would love to pray with you and for you. Join us at the end of the service for prayer or send us your request on the Connect Card and we will lift them up throughout the week.

Table Talk

(A guide to be used to grow as a disciple of Jesus by yourself, as a family or small groups)

WARM UP: A person says to you, “It doesn’t really matter what you believe, just so you believe in something.” How would you answer him?

Q1- What is meant in Hebrews 12:2 where Jesus is mentioned as the founder and perfecter of our faith? [The original Greek used for founder is “Archégos” means “originator, author, founder, prince, leader.” The original Greek used for “perfecter” is teleiôtés, Greek for “completer, finisher.”]

- How does Jesus function as the founder of our faith?
- How does Jesus function as the finisher of our faith? (Read John 19:30, Philippians 1:6)

Q2-Why does Luke 11:21-23 guide us to a place where the promise of Christmas becomes relevant?

- Who is the strong man?
- Who is the stronger man?

Q3-Genesis 3:15 is the introduction of the gospel.

- Why do you think this verse states that endless conflict will become a reality?
- This verse speaks of two off-springs. What or who are they and why does this matter? [Help: Based on other scripture, it appears that the serpent’s “offspring” refers to those who willfully set themselves against the seed of the woman (John 8:44; Ephesians 2:2–3). The age-long conflict between the Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of Satan (Matthew 13:37–40:1; John 3:8–12) will continue until the end (Revelation 12:17)].
- What’s the significance of a bruised head and a bruised heel? [Help: “He” that crushes the serpent’s head refers to a future descendent of the woman and is a singular noun—is a reference to Jesus Christ.]