

# HIStory: Seeing God's Plan in the Bible

Creation → Sin → Flood → Promise → Jesus → Eternity

\* God (creation) Adam and Eve, Noah (sin), Abraham, Moses, 10 Commandments, tabernacle, prophesies about Jesus → Jesus on Earth



## Highlights from Jesus' Time on Earth

### **A. Jesus' Teaching about Salvation**

- Jesus' explanations of what "salvation" looks like.

<b>Born of the Flesh vs. Born of the spirit</b> John 3:3-6, 14-16	<b>Physical water (H2O) vs. Living water</b> John 4:7-14
- Physical birth of a child vs. process of becoming part of God's family - To be born again, one must believe in Jesus and what He did for them on the cross.	- H2O is refreshing and thirst quenching – temporarily - Mankind, created in God's image, has a natural need for Him (the reason for so many religions) - Jesus explains that He came to earth to offer the solution to what we are all missing – a relationship with God

- Jesus' Teaching about Himself

\* John 8:53-59 – "I AM"

+ Where have we heard this name used? Exodus 3:13-14

+What was Jesus claiming?

\* John 10: 24-31 – "One"

+ "one" = only, opposed to more than one

+ What was Jesus claiming?

### **B. Jesus' Miracles - Matthew 4:23-24**

- Lazarus brought back to life (John 11)

\* Why was Jesus going to perform this miracle? (vv. 4, 25)

\*Jesus' claim was that those who believed in Him would live even after they died!

+ All will die physically, but those who believe in Jesus will live spiritually forever with Him.

**About Jesus:** The purpose of Jesus' earthly ministry was to show who He is and why He came to earth.

- Jesus is God in human form. He came to offer salvation from sin once and for all.

**Big Picture:** Jesus was the fulfillment of the promise to Eve that her offspring would defeat the serpent (Satan and sin).

**Application:** Jesus taught about salvation (forgiveness of our sin and a relationship with Him).

- We all have a "God-shaped" hole in our lives. Before we allow Him to fill it by accepting His gift of forgiveness, we often try to fill it with many things (good works, business, religions, entertainment).
- Jesus said that the "living water" He offers (salvation) will fill that void!
- For anyone who has accepted Jesus' offer, are you doing what Jesus did: telling others about Him?