

Reading Moses...Finding Jesus... 1st Meeting 4/12/26

We will search the Torah, the first 5 books of the Bible, written by Moses – we will search to find Jesus, Yeshua, the Son of God, in places that we didn't think we could find Him!

Luke 24:27 “Then Jesus took them through **the writings of Moses and all the prophets, explaining from all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.”**

Luke 24:44, Jesus reappears to His disciples and tells them the same thing! Then he said, “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.”**

John 5:46, Jesus has been talking to the religious leaders...He says “If you really believed Moses, you would believe Me, **because he wrote about Me.”**

Jesus tells His followers...His disciples after death and resurrection, but He told the religious leaders before He died.

The Torah – first 5 books...books of Moses...Torah is the Word of God...and Jesus is the Torah..the Word made flesh....

Next Two meetings: May 17th @ 5pm; June 14th @ 5pm

Goal - search the writings of Moses for Jesus SO THAT we fall more and more in love with Him!

Portion 1 - **B'reisheet “In the beginning” Genesis 1:1-6:8**

God has desired to be in close fellowship with us since the beginning.

Isaiah 46:10 (CJB) – “At the beginning I announce the end, proclaim in advance things not yet done; and I say that my plan will hold, I will do everything I please to do.”

What is last in action was first in thought ...that means all of creation happened with us in mind.

To find Jesus today in reading Moses....we will focus on one verse...Gen 1:2...“The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. **And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.”**

Luke 4:16 “When he came to the village of Nazareth, his boyhood home, he went as usual to the synagogue on the Sabbath and stood up to read the Scriptures.” **Jesus was the greatest Torah scholar present**

Isaiah 11:1-2 “Out of the stump of David’s family will grow a shoot — yes, a new Branch bearing fruit from the old root. ² And the Spirit of the Lord will rest on him — the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.”

Messianic prophesy – out of David’s family...new Branch...Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him...

Nazareth is named after this passage in Isaiah. “Netzer” means branch or shoot...so, Nazareth means “Branch town” or “shoot town”. People from the house of David flee out to this remote place, called the Galilee, and start a new town called “Branch Town”...Nazareth.... They were saying “Out of this town, a branch will come forth...the branch of Jesse...David...the Messiah...

Matthew 2:23 – “He (the Messiah) will be called a Nazarene

The Spirit of God in Gen 1:2 is the Spirit of God referenced in Isaiah 11 – It’s the Spirit of the Messiah – This is Jesus in Gen 1, verse 2.

Psalm 77:19 (Messianic Prophecy) – “Your way went through the sea, your path through the turbulent waters; but your footsteps could not be traced.”

In Matthew 14, when Jesus walked on the water, He was declaring “I’m the Messiah!!!!”

Matthew 14:24-27

²⁴ Meanwhile, the disciples were in trouble far away from land, for a strong wind had risen, and they were fighting heavy waves (TURBELENT WATERS). ²⁵ About three o’clock in the morning Jesus came toward them, walking on the water (THE SPIRIT HOVERING). ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the water, they were. In their fear, they cried out, “It’s a ghost!” (It’s a Ruach – A Spirit hovering over Turbulent waters!) ²⁷ But Jesus spoke to them at once. “Don’t be afraid,” he said. “Take courage. I am here!”

I am that Ruach – that Spirit hovering over Turbulent waters.... “I am the Spirit in B’reisheet (Gen 1:2)”... “I am the branch from branch town from the line of David”... “I am the shoot, the branch prophesied in Isaiah 11...with the Spirit on me”... “I am the Messiah who doesn’t leave footprints on the sea b/c I hover”. He is telling them in more than one way “I am the Messiah!” – all stemming from Gen 1:2!!!!!!

Matthew 14:33 “Then the disciples worshiped him. “You really are the Son of God!” they exclaimed.”

Tanakh...the Old Testament... combination of Torah, the prophets, and the writings (includes the Psalms). Jesus gave them a reference from all 3...that’s called Stringing Pearls together!

Matthew is telling us... That’s when they knew! And Matthew is telling the reader “This is why you know He’s the Son of God”....the Messiah..the Savior...

In the first book of Moses, B’reisheet, Genesis, Jesus is declared as Messiah!

Jesus the Messiah....Yeshua HaMashiach...declared in the second verse of the bible!

Next month...we’ll cover Gen 1...verse 3....