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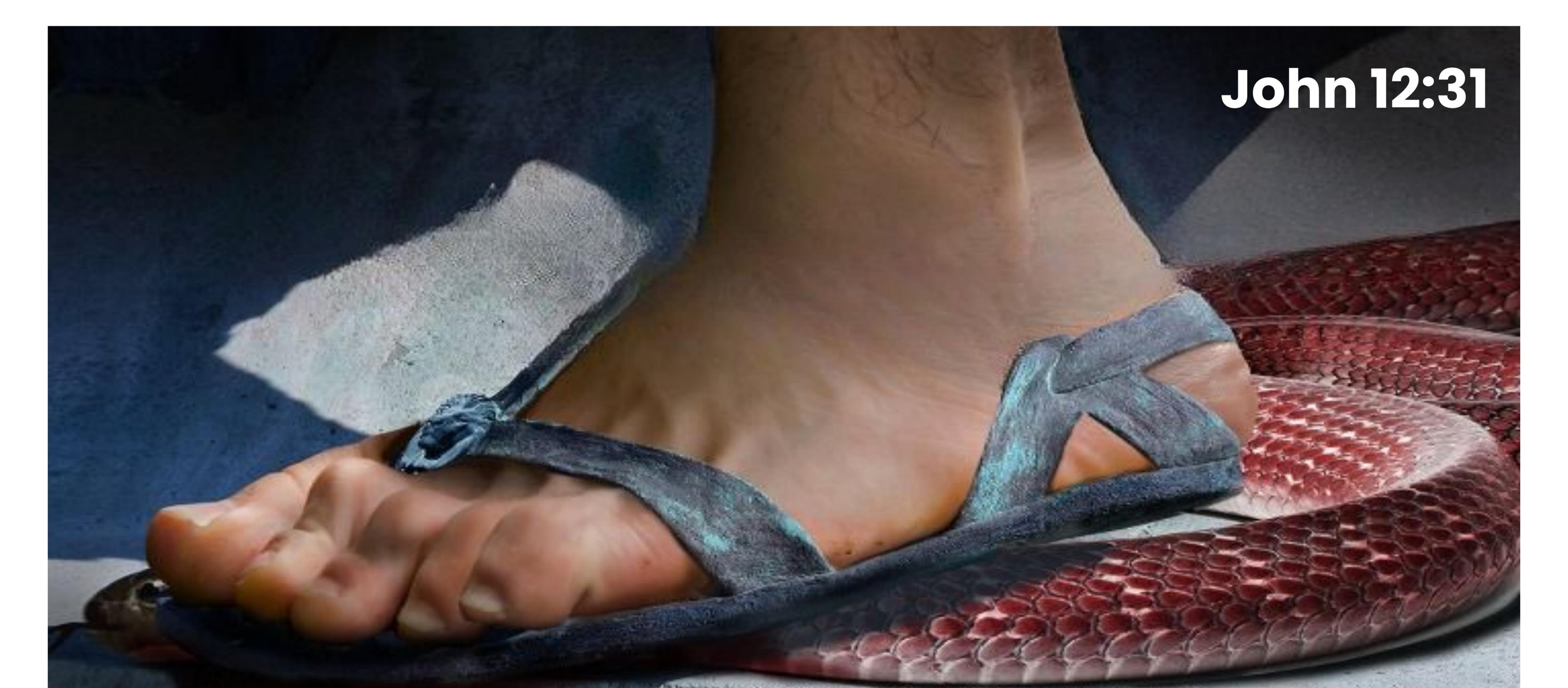
WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

GOOD NEWS!

THE RESURRECTION GOSPEL

How the Conflict Started



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John 12:31

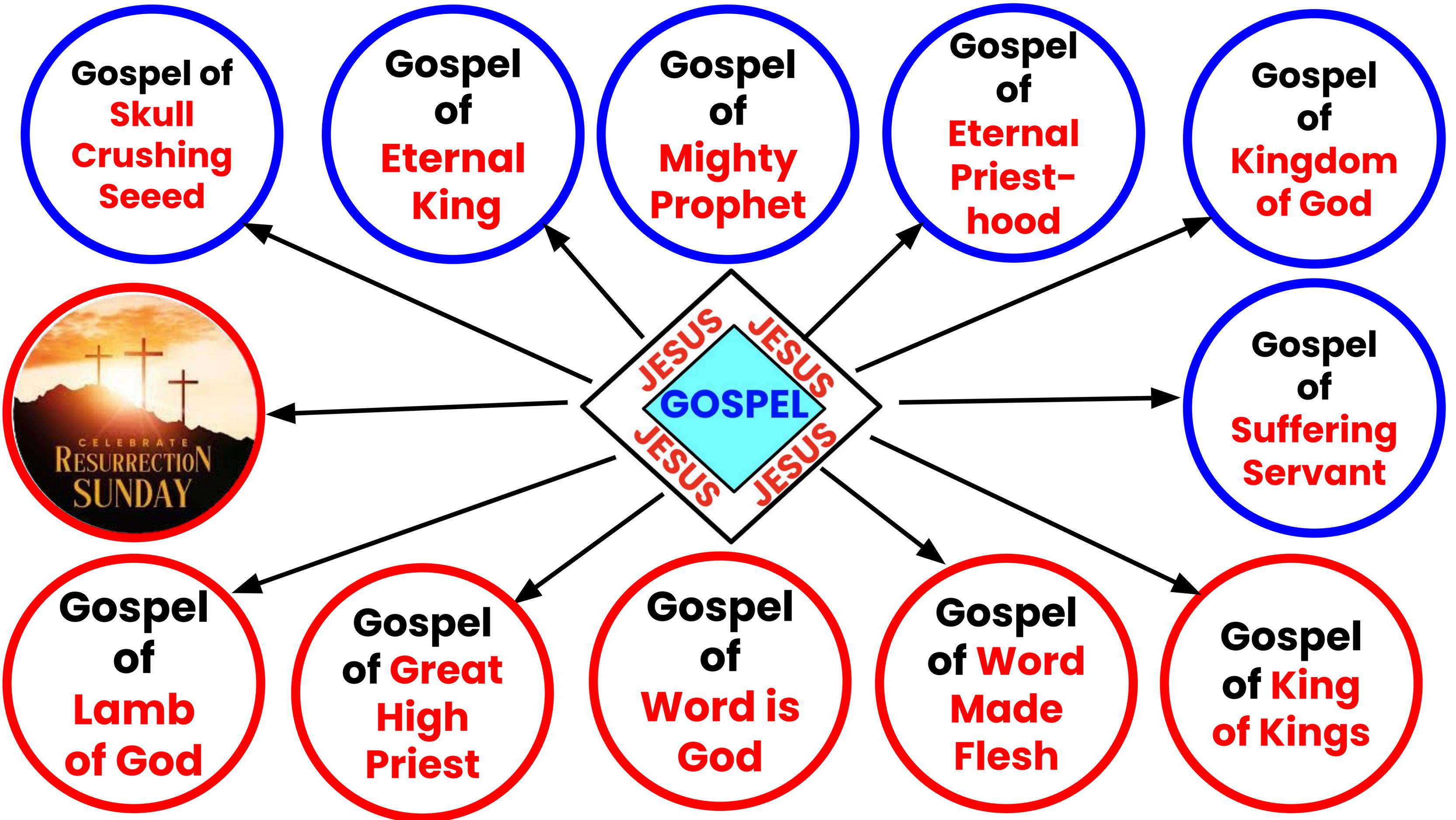
“Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out.”



**GOSPEL
PROMISE**



**GOSPEL
FULFILLMENT**



**Gospel of
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**Gospel
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**Gospel
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**Gospel
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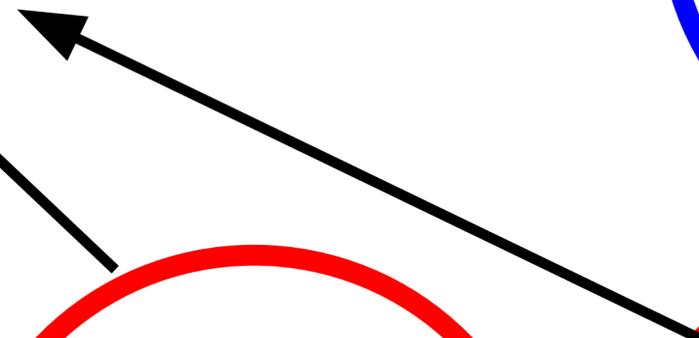
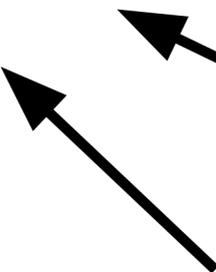
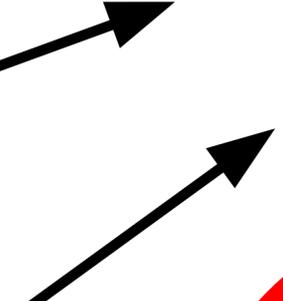
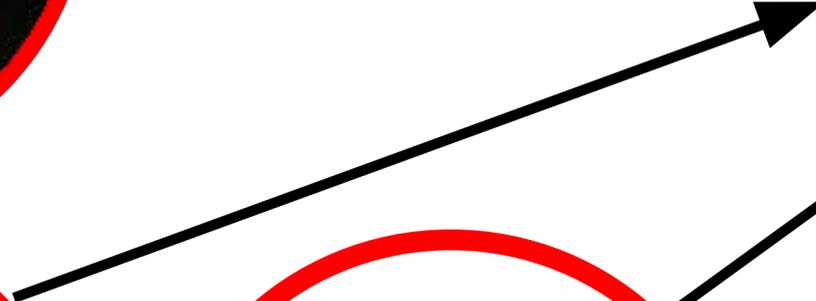
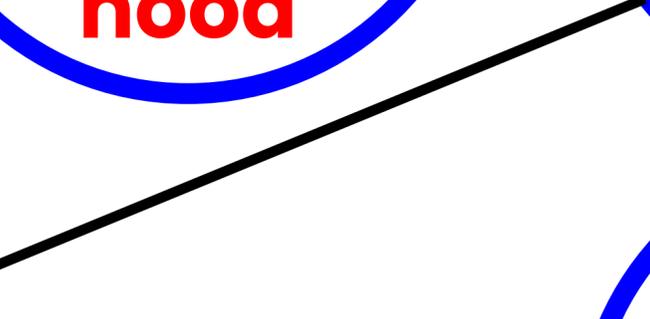
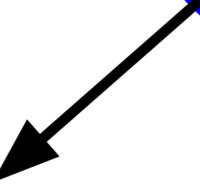
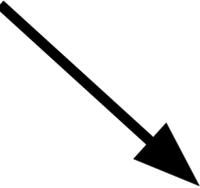
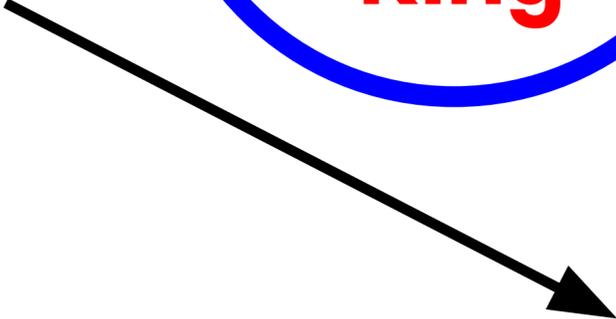
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**Gospel
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of Kings**



How many “gospels”?

1. Are Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John each relaying different gospels?
2. Paul mentions the gospel of the circumcision (Jew) and the gospel of the uncircumcision (Gentile) **Galatians 2:7**
3. The gospel of the kingdom and the gospel of grace **Acts 20:24-25**
4. The “everlasting gospel” **Revelation 14:6**
5. The gospel of God (1x)
6. The gospel of Christ/God’s Son (12x)
7. The gospel of salvation **Ephesians 1:13**
8. The gospel of the glory of Christ **2 Corinthians 4:4**
9. My [Paul’s] Gospel” (3x) **Romans 2:26; 16:25; 2 Timothy 2:8**

ONE GOSPEL,

MANY POINTS OF

REFERENCE

Gospel According to the Scriptures

1 Corinthians 15:3–9

- 3** “For **I delivered** to you as of **first importance** what **I also received**:
that Christ died for our sins **in accordance with the Scriptures,**
- 4** **that he was buried,**
that he was raised on the third day **in accordance with the Scriptures,**
- 5** **that he appeared to Cephas** [Peter],
then to the twelve.
- 6** **Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time,**
most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.
- 7** **Then he appeared to James,**
then to all the apostles.
- 8** Last of all, as to one untimely born, **he appeared also to me.”**

**“But if there is no resurrection of the dead,
[then] not even Christ has been raised;
and if Christ has not been raised,
then our preaching is vain,
[then] your faith also is vain.**

**[then] Moreover we are even found to be false witnesses of God,
because we testified against God that He raised Christ,**

**whom He did not raise,
if in fact the dead are not raised.**

**For if the dead are not raised,
[then] not even Christ has been raised;
and if Christ has not been raised,
[then] your faith is worthless;
[then] you are still in your sins.**

Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.

**If we have hoped in Christ in this life only,
[then] we are of all men most to be pitied.”**

1 Corinthians 15:13-18

14 Resurrections in the Bible

1. Resurrection of the **widow's son** in Zarephath (*1 Kings 17:17–22*)
2. Resurrection of the **Shunammite's son** (*2 Kings 4:18–37*)
3. Resurrection of the **man thrown into Elisha's grave** (*2 Kings 13:20*)
4. Resurrection of **Jairus' daughter** (*Mark 5:41*)
5. Resurrection of the **young man at Nain** (*Luke 7:14*)
6. Resurrection of **Lazarus** (*John 11:38–44*)
7. Resurrection of **unknown saints** during the crucifixion (*Matthew 27:52–53*)
8. Resurrection of **Christ** (*Matthew 28:1-6*)
9. Resurrection of **Tabitha/Dorcas** (*Acts 9:36–42*)
10. Resurrection of **Eutychus** (*Acts 20:7–12*)
11. Resurrection of the **Church** (*1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Corinthians 15:23*)
12. Resurrection of the **Two Witnesses** (*Revelation 11:7–11*)
13. Resurrection of **Old Testament Saints and Martyrs** (*Revelation 20:4*)
14. Resurrection of the **Wicked** (*Revelation 20:5*)

Two Resurrections

I. Resurrection of the Righteous

- (1) The First Resurrection (*Revelation 20:4-6*)
- (2) The Resurrection of the Just (*Acts 24:15; Luke 14:14*)
- (3) The Resurrection of Life (*John 5:29*)
- (4) The Awakening to Everlasting Life (*Daniel 12:2*)
- (5) The Better Resurrection (*Hebrews 11:35*)

II. Resurrection of the Unrighteous

- (1) The Second Resurrection (*Revelation 20:4-6*)
- (2) The Resurrection of the Unjust (*Acts 24:15*)
- (3) The Resurrection of Damnation (*John 5:29*)
- (4) The Awakening to Shame and Everlasting Contempt (*Daniel 12:2*)

Resurrection Imagery in Old Testament

Job 19:25–27 “As for me, I know that **my Redeemer lives**, And at the last He will take His stand on the earth. **26 Even after my skin is destroyed, Yet from my flesh I shall see God;** **27 Whom I myself shall behold, and whom my eyes will see and not another.** My heart faints within me!”

Psalms 16:8–11 “I have set the LORD continually before me; because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. **9** Therefore my heart is glad and my glory rejoices! My flesh also will dwell securely. **10 For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol, nor will You allow Your Holy One to undergo decay.** **11** You will make known to me the path of life. In Your presence is fullness of joy; in Your right hand there are pleasures forever.”

Psalms 71:19–21 “For Your righteousness, O God, reaches to the heavens. You who have done great things; O God, who is like You? **20** You who have shown me many troubles and distresses will revive me again, **and will bring me up again from the depths of the earth.** **21** May You increase my greatness And turn to comfort me.”

Resurrection Imagery in Old Testament

Isaiah 26:19,20 **“Your dead will live; their corpses will rise. You who lie in the dust, awake and shout for joy!** For your dew is as the dew of the dawn, and the earth will give birth to the departed spirits.”

Ezekiel 37:7-10 “So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold, a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to its bone. **8** And I looked, and behold, sinews were on them, and flesh grew and skin covered them; but there was no breath in them. **9** **Then He said to me, ‘Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, ‘Thus says the LORD God, “Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they come to life.’** **10** So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they came to life and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.”

Resurrection Imagery in Old Testament

Daniel 12:1-3 “Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued. **2 Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt.** **3** Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

Resurrection Imagery in Old Testament

Jonah 1:17–2:10 “And the LORD appointed a great fish to swallow Jonah, and **Jonah was in the stomach of the fish three days and three nights.** **2:1** Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the stomach of the fish, **2** and he said, ‘I called out of my distress to the LORD, and He answered me. **I cried for help from the depth of Sheol;** You heard my voice. **3** For You had cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the current engulfed me. All Your breakers and billows passed over me. **4** So I said, ‘I have been expelled from Your sight. Nevertheless I will look again toward Your holy temple.’ **5 Water encompassed me to the point of death. The great deep engulfed me, weeds were wrapped around my head.** **6 I descended to the roots of the mountains. The earth with its bars was around me forever, but You have brought up my life from the pit, O LORD my God.** **7** While I was fainting away, I remembered the LORD, and my prayer came to You, into Your holy temple. **8** Those who regard vain idols forsake their faithfulness, **9** but I will sacrifice to You with the voice of thanksgiving. That which I have vowed I will pay. **Salvation is from the LORD.”** **10** Then the LORD commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah up onto the dry land.”

The Resurrection Proves Jesus as Prophet

Deuteronomy 18:15–22 “**The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your countrymen, you shall listen to him. 16** This is according to all that you asked of the LORD your God in Horeb on the day of the assembly, saying, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, let me not see this great fire anymore, or I will die.’ **17** The LORD said to me, ‘They have spoken well. **18 I will raise up a prophet from among their countrymen like you, and I will put My words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. 19** It shall come about that whoever will not listen to My words which he shall speak in My name, I Myself will require it of him. **20 But the prophet who speaks a word presumptuously in My name which I have not commanded him to speak, or which he speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.’ 21** You may say in your heart, ‘How will we know the word which the LORD has not spoken?’ **22 When a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the thing does not come about or come true, that is the thing which the LORD has not spoken. The prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him.”**

The Resurrection Proves Jesus as Prophet

Mark 10:32-34 “They were on the road going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking on ahead of them; and they were amazed, and those who followed were fearful. And again He took the twelve aside and began to tell them what was going to happen to Him, **33** saying, **‘Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and will hand Him over to the Gentiles. **34** They will mock Him and spit on Him, and scourge Him and kill Him, and three days later He will rise again.’**”

The Resurrection Proves Jesus as High Priest

Exodus 40:13-16 **“You shall put the holy garments on Aaron and anoint him and consecrate him, that he may minister as a priest to Me. 14 You shall bring his sons and put tunics on them; 15 and you shall anoint them even as you have anointed their father, that they may minister as priests to Me; and their anointing will qualify them for a perpetual priesthood throughout their generations.” 16 Thus Moses did; according to all that the LORD had commanded him, so he did.”**

The Resurrection Proves Jesus as High Priest

Hebrews 7:23-25 “The former priests, on the one hand, existed in greater numbers because they were prevented by death from continuing, **24** but **Jesus, on the other hand, because He continues forever, holds His priesthood permanently.** **25** Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.”

The Resurrection Proves Jesus as King

Daniel 7:13,14 "I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven **One like a Son of Man** was coming, and He came up to the Ancient of Days and was presented before Him. **14 And to Him was given dominion, glory and a kingdom, that all the peoples, nations and men of every language might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion which will not pass away, and His kingdom is one which will not be destroyed.**"

The Resurrection Proves Jesus as King

1 Timothy 6:13-16 "I charge you in the presence of **God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who testified the good confession before Pontius Pilate, 14** that you keep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, **15** which He will bring about at the proper time—**He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, 16** who alone possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see. To Him be honor and eternal dominion! Amen.

Revelation 17:14 ""These will wage war against the Lamb, and **the Lamb will overcome them, because He is Lord of lords and King of kings,** and those who are with Him are the called and chosen and faithful."

GOOD NEWS of Christ's Resurrection

1. God raised Him from the dead **because of His perfect obedience to His will** (*Philippians 2:9*)
2. God raised Him from the dead in order **to justify Him** (*1 Timothy 3:15-16*)
3. God raised Him **to attest to His deity** (*Romans 1:4*)
4. God raised Him from the dead **for our justification** (*Romans 4:25*)
5. God raised Him from the dead **to be the saving life of all who believe** (*Romans 5:8-10*)
6. God raised Him from the dead **to fulfil the sign of the 3 days concerning Jonah and the temple** (*Matthew 12:38-40; John 2:18-22*)
7. God raised Him **to be a Prince and a Savior** (*Acts 5:31*)
8. God raised Him from the dead **to be Head of the Church** (*Ephesians 1:19-23*)
9. God raised Him **to be the Baptizer in the Holy Spirit** (*John 1:33; Acts 2:32-33*)
10. God raised Him **to be a great High Priest** (*1 Timothy 2:5-6; Hebrews 8:1-4*)

GOOD NEWS of Christ's Resurrection

11. God raised Him **to be our Advocate and Intercessor** (*Hebrews 7:26-28; 1 John 2:1-2; Romans 8:34*)
12. God raised Him **to show Him as the crusher of the serpent's head** (*Genesis 3:15; Romans 5:11-21; Ephesians 1:19-20; Hebrews 2:9-14; Romans 16:20*)
13. God raised Him from the dead **as a seal to His perfect atoning sacrificial death and work** (*Romans 1:4; 4:25*)
14. God raised Him **to be the dispenser of gifts to men for the church** (*Ephesians 4:8-16; 1 Corinthians 12:1-12; Romans 12:1-6*)
15. God raised Him **as the guarantee of all coming resurrections** (*Romans 8:11; John 5:28-29; 1 Corinthians 15:20-23; 2 Corinthians 4:4; 1 Thessalonians 4:15-18; 1 Corinthians 15:51-57*). He is the sheaf of firstfruits of the coming harvest.
16. God raised Him **to be the appointed Judge of all mankind** (*John 5:30; Acts 10:42; 17:31*)
17. God raised Him **to be the crowning glory of the work of redemption**. By one man came death and by one man came the resurrection of the dead (*Romans 5:12-21*)

GOOD NEWS of our Resurrection Bodies

1. The resurrected body of the believer will be **like the resurrected body of Christ** (*1 John 3:2; Philippians 3:21*)
2. The resurrection body of believers will be **physical & spiritual** (*John 20:27; Luke 24:39; Romans 8:11; 1 Corinthians 15:44*)
3. The new bodies of believers will have **new capacities** (*John 20:26*)
4. The resurrected body will be a **transformed body** (*1 Corinthians 15:37,38*)
5. These new resurrected bodies will be **given to us by God**. (*1 Corinthians 15:38*)
6. The resurrected body will be **powerful** (*1 Corinthians 15:43*)
7. The resurrected body will be **angel-like** (*Matthew 22:30; Luke 20:36*)
8. The new body will be **immortal & incorruptible** (*1 Corinthians 15:42,53*)
9. The new body will be **adaptable to both heaven and on the new earth** (*1 Cor. 15:48*)
10. The resurrected body will be **glorious** (*1 Corinthians 15:43*)
11. The resurrected body will be **luminous** (*Daniel 12:3; Matthew 13:43, 17:2*)
12. The new body of the believer will be **perfected in righteousness** (*Philippians 1:6*)
13. The resurrected body will be **distinct to our own identity** (*1 Corinthians 6:14*)

The New Heavens & Earth in the Resurrection

1. There will be a **new heaven and new earth**, for the former are to pass away (Genesis 1:1 with Revelation 21:1).
2. There will be **no more sea**, which speaks of separation and division of land (Revelation 21:1).
3. There will be a **new Jerusalem**, a holy city, in contrast to the old Jerusalem, which became a filthy city. This is the city which Abraham looked for, whose builder and maker is God (Hebrews 11:10-16; 13:14; Galatians 4:26; Rev. 3:12; 21:2).
4. This city will be the **Tabernacle of God**, God's dwelling place with His redeemed people. He will be their God and they will be His people, thus fulfilling the New Covenant promises as given in the Old and New Testaments (Exodus 19:4-6; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Revelation 21:3).
5. There will be **no tears, sorrow, crying or pain** there (Revelation 21:4).

The New Heavens & Earth in the Resurrection

6. There will be **no more death**, the wages of sin, for these things belong to the earth and the unredeemed man (Revelation 21:4).
7. The city is **filled with God's glory and presence**, even as the Tabernacle of Moses and Temple of Solomon was filled with this glory-presence as His dwelling place (Revelation 21:10-21)
8. Everything will be **transparent**; that is, no shadows or darkness or uncertainty (Revelation 21:21,23)
9. The **worship will center around God and the Lamb** eternally instead of any earthly temple and sacrifice (Revelation 21:22).
10. All will be **eternal light** in the New Heavens and New Earth; the New Jerusalem has no darkness or night there (Revelation 21:23-26; 22:5).

The New Heavens & Earth in the Resurrection

11. **No unrighteous or unholy person** shall ever be in this city. It is a righteous and holy city for the redeemed only (Revelation 21:27; 22:15).
12. The **river of life** will be there proceeding out of the Throne of God and the Lamb (Revelation 22:1,7)
13. The **Tree of Eternal Life** will be restored to man in this heavenly Paradise. Man lost it through failure to obey God's commandment. Now it is restored to all who obey (Revelation 22:2,14; 2:7; Genesis 2:17).
14. All the **redeemed shall see His face and His name shall be in their foreheads**. Man was driven out from the face of God because of sin. Sin is no more there (Genesis 3:22-24; Revelation 22:4; Genesis 4:14-16; Matthew 5:8; I Corinthians 3:10-18; Exodus 33:20-33).
15. The **redeemed shall worship and serve God and the Lamb eternally** as king-priests after the Order of Melchizedek (Revelation 1:6; 5:9-10; 22:5).



Satan, the deceiver of humanity, is defeated

The LORD shatters the wicked, the proud, the rebellious, the mighty powers of the earth

All earth witnesses that God delivers His people without sword or spear

A king to come from lineage of Jacob

Those at peace with the LORD rely upon Him for protection

God's Anointed Shepherd to be a universal witness that God is in Israel

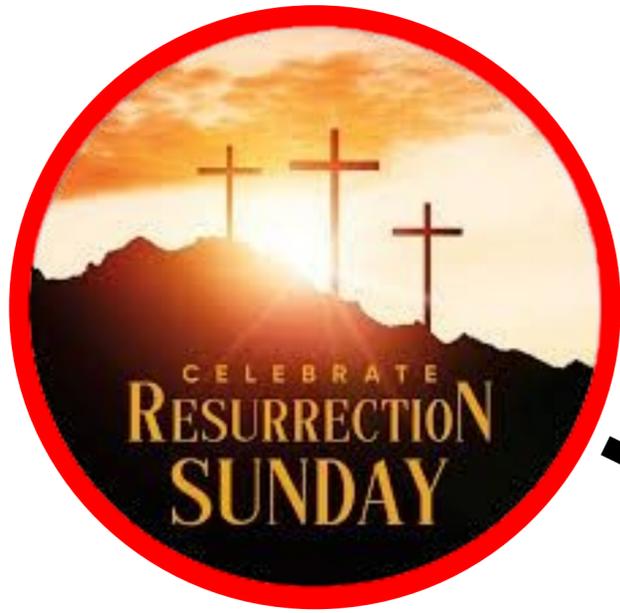
An eternal Priest-King of Righteousness on David's throne

God to crush the heads of sea monsters ("Rahab", "Leviathan")

Israel will blossom and sprout and will fill the whole world with fruit

Satan ultimately will be crushed by the Skull Crusher from Seed of the Woman

**Gospel of
Skull
Crushing
Seed**



Jesus is David's Heir, King of Kings and LORD of Lords
Jesus is King and secures His Kingdom
Jesus is King and protects His Kingdom servants
Jesus is King and administers Justice
Jesus is King and rightly orders His kingdom

Jesus is King and has divine authority over His life, demons, the Law, Temple, sanctification, sickness, death

Gospel of King of Kings

King from David's lineage will be called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace" whose eternal rule brings ever-increasing worldwide justice

A virgin will bear a son, "Immanuel"

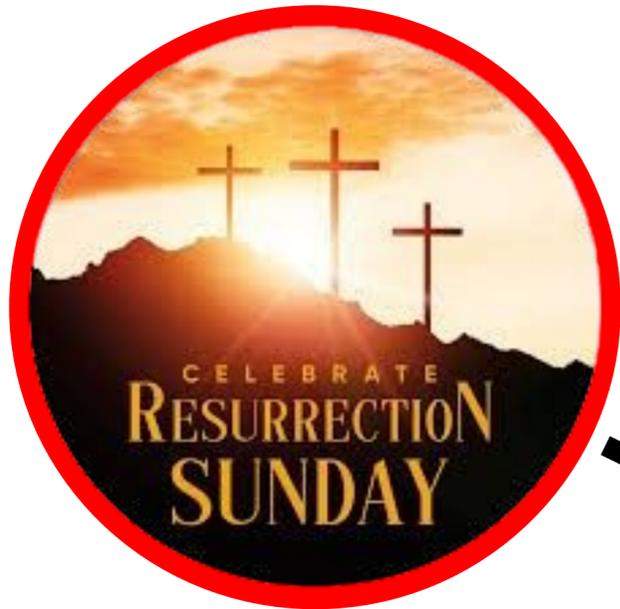
From the clan of Bethlehem Ephrathah will go forth a ruler in Israel

The Spirit of LORD will rest upon Jesse's heir: the spirit of wisdom, counsel, strength, understanding, knowledge & fear of the LORD

Jesse's heir will rule and judge in righteousness & faith

Through a descendant of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob all nations of the earth to be blessed

Gospel of Eternal King



Delivers Man from bondage of sin

Died for all sinners

Upholds universe by the power of His Word

God's Son who bears His exact Image

Faithful Son ruling all of God's House

Judge of the world

Shepherd of Jew & Gentiles

Teacher of Righteousness

God's Perfect Great High Priest

Intercedes for Jew & Gentiles

The Incarnate Word of God

Rejected by Israelites

Spoke face to face with God

Faithful Servant in God's House

Anointing Priest of God's priesthood

God's Law-Giver

Covenant Mediator

Deliverer of Israel from bondage

Prophet of God

**Gospel of
God as
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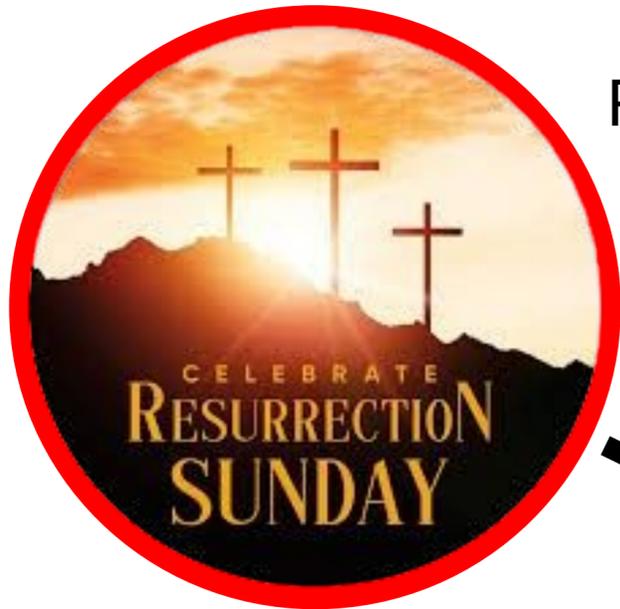
Slain Lamb of God who authors
New Covenant

Willing to die for sinners

Teacher & Judge of Israel

Miracle-worker

**Gospel
of
Mighty
Prophet**



Perfect Great High Priest appointed by God
 Both Eternal Great High Priest and King
 Divine Mediator of New covenant in His blood
 Enters God's perfect eternal temple
 Eternal Priest-king of Righteousness

Sinless One who perfects others

One sacrifice for sin forever

Appoints priesthood of universal believers
 Son faithful over His own house
 Atoned once for the sins of all

**Gospel
 of Great
 High
 Priest**

Priest-King of Righteousness promised

Entered a man made tent/temple

Annual atonement for High Priest sin & sins of the nation of Israel

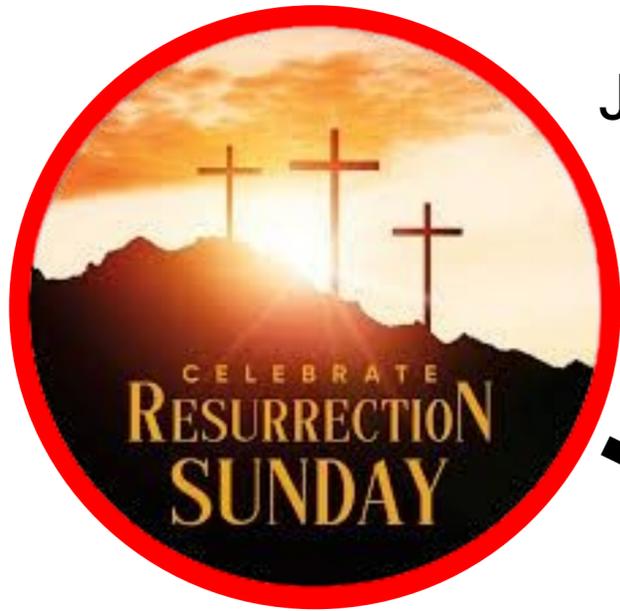
High Priest Interceded for nation of Israel

Aaronic High Priest entered Holy of Holies by animal blood

Aaronic line appointed by Law by human lineage

Aaronic duties bound by Law, not mercy

**Gospel
 of
 Eternal
 Priest-
 hood**



Jesus is the sinless Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world

Jesus was delivered for our transgressions

Jesus gave Himself as a ransom for all

Jesus' blood cleanses us from all sin

Jesus' blood perfectly atones for our sin

Jesus was scourged, crucified & buried

Jesus is our substitute sacrifice

Jesus' blood brings peace

Jesus' blood reconciles sinners to God

Jesus' blood justifies & redeems

Christ suffered for sins once and for all

Servant's death will cleanse many nations

**Gospel
of
Lamb
of God**

His guilt offering will prolong his days

Servant like a lamb led to slaughter

Servant's torture brings healing

Despised and rejected by men

Scourged

Became guilt offering for our sin

Pierced for our transgressions

Servant obedient to LORD's calling

Servant given as sign & eternal covenant to the peoples

Anointed with Spirit of LORD to proclaim Good News, give sight to blind, deliverance from captivity, healing, blessings & proclaim the year of the LORD's favor

Servant born to bring salvation

**Gospel
of
Suffering
Servant**

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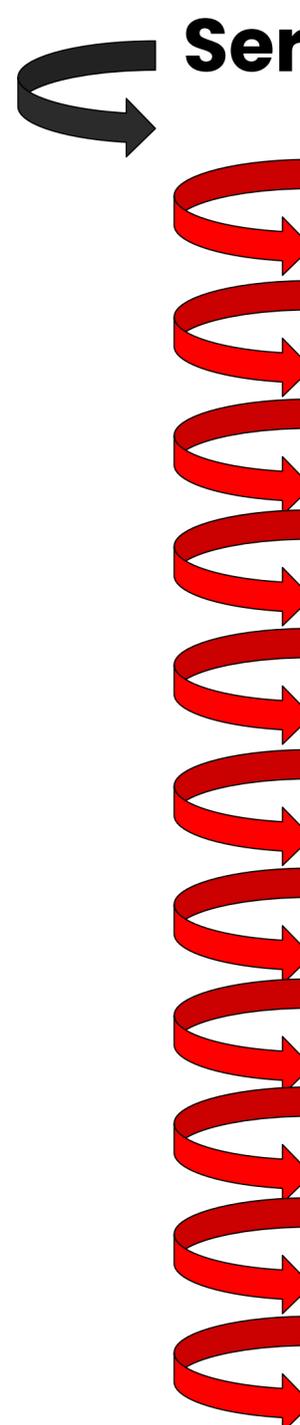
GOD WITH US

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THE FALL OF ADAM

Genesis 3 – Sin & Its Deadly Consequences

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- Serpent deceives the Woman** (Genesis 3:4,5,13)
 - The Man flagrantly disobeys God** (v.6)
 - Sin, transgression, enters Creation** (v.6; cf. *Romans 5:12*)
 - Man & Woman acquire the knowledge of Good & Evil** (v.22)
 - Shame, blame, guilt, separation, fear** (vv. 7-10)
 - Serpent cursed** (v.14)
 - Serpent condemned to eat dust from which Adam was created** (v.14)
 - Enmity between Seed of the Woman & the Seed of the Serpent** (v.15)
 - The Seed of the Woman will be bruised, but the Serpent Crushed** (v.15)
 - Pain increased in childbirth** (v.16)
 - Change in Divine Order: Man now rules over Woman in Family** (v.16)
 - Ground cursed** (vv. 17-18)
 - Physical death** (v.19)
 - Exile** (vv. 23,24)

GOSPEL IN THE GARDEN

GOD WITH US

COVENANT SECURITY

WORLD KINGDOM

SABBATH REST

BLESSINGS

IMAGE BEARERS

RENEWED

CREATION

EXILE

EXILE

EDEN

EDEN

RESURRECTION LIFE

Genesis 3 – Sin & Its Deadly Consequences

Serpent deceives the Woman (Genesis 3:4, 5)

The Man flagrantly disobeys God (v.6)

Sin, *transgression*, enters Creation (v.6; cf. Romans 5:12)

Man & Woman acquire the knowledge of Good & Evil (v.22)

Shame, blame, guilt, separation, fear (vv. 7-10)

Serpent curse (v.14)

Serpent condemned & separated from Eden which Adam was created (v.14)

Enmity between the seed of the Woman & the seed of the Serpent (v.15)

The Seed of the Woman will be bruised, but the Serpent Crushed (v.15)

Pain introduced in childbirth (v.16)

Change in Divine Order: Man now rules over Woman in Family (v.16)

Ground cursed (vv. 17-19)

Physical death (v.20)

Exile (vv. 23, 24)



THE END

Week 13
Supplemental

Summary of the Characteristics of the Resurrection Body

Description or Characteristic	Earthly Body	Resurrection Body
1. Ability to sustain life over time.	<u>Perishable:</u> Subject to deterioration and finally death and decay.	<u>Imperishable:</u> Incapable of deterioration; the 2nd law of thermodynamics will no longer apply.
2. Value and potential for honoring and glorifying God.	<u>Dishonor:</u> Characterized by disgrace, shame, and indignity.	<u>Glory:</u> Characterized by excellence, honor, splendor, brightness, and blessedness.
3. Physical ability to carry out one's intended purpose.	<u>Weakness:</u> Fragile, feeble, liable to sickness and infirmity, lack of ability to restrain corrupt desires.	<u>Power:</u> Inherent strength or ability; capable of the highest service before God without weariness.
4. Intended sphere of existence.	<u>Natural:</u> Limited to life in the fallen, earthly realm.	<u>Spiritual:</u> Suited to life in an eternal and heavenly realm.
5. Basic orientation, tendency, or focus.	<u>Adam-like:</u> Tending downward toward sinfulness and deterioration.	<u>Christ-like:</u> Tending upward toward righteousness and holiness.

The Thief on the Cross

Luke 23:39-43 “One of the criminals who were hanged *there* was hurling abuse at Him, saying, ‘Are You not the **Christ? Save Yourself and us!**’ **40** But the other answered, and rebuking him said, ‘**Do you not even fear God**, since you are under the same sentence of **condemnation? 41 And we indeed are suffering justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.**’ **42** And he was saying, ‘**Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!**’ **43** And He said to him, ‘Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise.’”

9 Kingdom Things the Thief on the Cross Knew

1. Knew that "Christ", "Anointed One", saves while other thief reviled against Jesus. (*Luke 23:39*)
2. Feared God. (*Luke 23:40*)
3. Realized he was condemned by Law as a thief: "receiving what we deserve". (*Luke 23:40*)
4. Understood Law is righteous: "we indeed are suffering justly." (*Luke 23:41*)
5. Knew Jesus was a righteous man: "this man has done nothing wrong". (*Luke 23:41*)
6. Confessed Jesus was the Christ King. (*Luke 23:42*)
7. Believed Jesus was going to come and reign in His Kingdom following death. (*Luke 23:42*)
8. Believed in a resurrection life after death: "Remember me". (*Luke 23:42*)
9. Asked to be remembered by Jesus when He came into His Kingdom. (*Luke 23:42*)

The Philippian Jailer

Acts 16:23–34 “When they had struck them with many blows, they threw them into prison, **commanding the jailer to guard them securely**; **24** and he, having received such a command, threw them into the inner prison and **fastened their feet in the stocks**. But about midnight Paul and Silas were **praying and singing hymns of praise to God, and the prisoners were listening to them**; **26** and suddenly there came a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison house were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's **chains were unfastened**. **27** When the jailer awoke and saw the prison doors opened, he drew his sword and **was about to kill himself**, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. **28** But Paul cried out with a loud voice, saying, ‘Do not harm yourself, for we are all here!’ **29** And he called for lights and rushed in, and **trembling with fear** he fell down before Paul and Silas, **30** and **after he brought them out**, he said, ‘**Sirs, what must I do to be saved?**’ **31** **They said, ‘Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.’** **32** **And they spoke the word of the Lord to him together with all who were in his house.** **33** And he took them that very hour of the night and washed their wounds, and **immediately he was baptized, he and all his household**. **34** And he brought them into his house and set food before them, and **rejoiced greatly, having believed in God with his whole household.**”

9 Kingdom Things the Philippian Jailer Knew

1. Heard prayers and praise songs to God by Paul and Silas. (*Acts 16:25*)
2. Knew Paul and prisoners' fetters and chains were unfastened by supernatural means. (*Acts 16:25,26*)
3. Recognized Paul and Silas as messengers of God. (*Acts 16:30*)
4. Desired a salvation not from death. (*Acts 16:27,30*)
5. Had knowledge of Jesus. (*Acts 16:31*)
6. Was told to both confess and believe Jesus as Lord and Savior. (*Acts 16:31*)
7. Was preached the gospel immediately. (*Acts 16:32*)
8. He and household immediately received the gospel by being publicly baptized. (*Acts 16:33*)
9. He received Paul and Silas into home with hospitality and rejoiced in new salvation. (*Acts 16:34*)

The Roman Centurion

Luke 7:1-10 “When He had completed all His discourse in the hearing of the people, He went to Capernaum. **2** And **a centurion’s slave, who was highly regarded by him, was sick and about to die.** **3** **When he heard about Jesus,** he sent some Jewish elders **asking Him to come and save the life of his slave.** **4** When they came to Jesus, they **earnestly implored Him,** saying, “He is worthy for You to grant this to him; **5** for **he loves our nation and it was he who built us our synagogue.”** **6** Now Jesus started on His way with them; and when He was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends, saying to Him, **“Lord, do not trouble Yourself further, for I am not worthy for You to come under my roof; 7** for this reason I did not even consider myself worthy to come to You, **but just say the word, and my servant will be healed. 8** For I also am a man placed **under authority,** with soldiers under me; and I say to this one, ‘Go!’ and he goes, and to another, **‘Come!’ and he comes, and to my slave, ‘Do this!’ and he does it.”** **9** Now when Jesus heard this, He marveled at him, and turned and said to the crowd that was following Him, **“I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such great faith.”** **10** When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.”

9 Kingdom Things the Roman Centurion Knew

1. Believes reports claiming Jesus is a miracle healer. Faith without sight. (*Luke 7:3*)
2. Loves his dying servant more than what others might think of him a Roman centurion who publicly entreats a Jew of a defeated country to come to his aid. (*Luke 7:3*)
3. Humbly invites Jesus by sending friends to greet him in person (*Luke 7:3,6*)
4. Loves the covenant people of God and has built them a synagogue for worship of the God of Israel, *not for Roman deities* (*Luke 7:5*)
5. Demonstrates contrite heart through his sincere concern that he would defile Jesus' holiness upon entering his "unclean" Gentile home. (*Luke 7:6,7*)
6. Calls Jesus "Lord" and admits any works he's done does not make him "worthy" for Jesus to come to him. (*Luke 7:6,7*)
7. Believes Jesus' "word" alone saves (*Luke 7:7*)
8. Recognizes Jesus is under authority of God, has authority over disease and he places himself under Jesus' authority. (*Luke 7:8*)
9. His exceedingly great faith is commended by Jesus! (*Luke 7:9*)

Peter's Gospel in Caesarea

Acts 10:36–43 “The **word which He sent to the sons of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ (He is Lord of all)**— **37 you yourselves know** the thing which took place **throughout all Judea, starting from Galilee**, after the baptism which John proclaimed. **38 You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power**, and how **He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. 39 We are witnesses of all the things He did** both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem. **They also put Him to death by hanging Him on a cross. 40 God raised Him up on the third day** and granted that He become visible, **41 not to all the people, but to witnesses who were chosen beforehand by God**, that is, to us who ate and drank with Him **after He arose from the dead. 42 And He ordered us to preach to the people, and solemnly to testify that this is the One who has been appointed by God as Judge of the living and the dead. 43 Of Him all the prophets bear witness that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins.”**

Peter's Gospel in Caesarea

1. "The word which He sent to the Sons of Israel" (cf. John 1:1-18) **WHAT/WHO/WHOM**
2. "preaching peace through Jesus Christ" **HOW/WHAT/WHO**
3. "He is Lord of all" **WHO/WHAT/WHOM**
4. "you yourselves know"/"We are witnesses of all the things He did" **WHOM**
5. "throughout all Judea, starting from Galilee" (cf. Matt. 2:6; Luke 2:32) **WHERE**
6. "You know of Jesus of Nazareth" **WHOM/WHO/WHERE**
7. "how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power" **WHO/HOW/WHAT**
8. "He went about doing good/healing all who were oppressed by the devil" **WHO/WHAT/WHOM**
9. "God was with Him." (Isa. 7:14, 8:8; Matt. 1:23) **WHO**
10. "They also put Him to death by hanging Him on a cross" **WHO/WHAT/HOW**
11. "God raised Him up on the third day" **WHO/WHAT**
12. "He ordered us to preach to the people, and solemnly to testify" **WHO/WHOM/WHAT**
13. "One who has been appointed by God as Judge of the living and the dead" **WHO/HOW**
14. "Of Him all the prophets bear witness" **WHO/WHEN/WHAT**
15. "through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins" **WHOM/WHY**

Cleopas's Gospel in Luke

Luke 24:18-27 "One of them, named Cleopas, answered and said to Him, "Are You the only one visiting Jerusalem and unaware of the things which have happened here in these days?" **19** And He said to them, 'What things?' And they said to Him, '**The things about Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word in the sight of God and all the people, 20** and how the chief priests and our rulers **delivered Him to the sentence of death, and crucified Him. 21** But we were hoping that it was He who was going to **redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, it is the third day since these things happened. 22** But also some women among us amazed us. When they were at the tomb early in the morning, **23** and **did not find His body,** they came, saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said that **He was alive. 24** Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just exactly as the women also had said; but Him they did not see.' **25** And He said to them, 'O foolish men and **slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! 26** Was it not necessary for the **Christ to suffer these things** and to **enter into His glory?'** **27** Then beginning with **Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures."**

Paul's Gospel in Acts

Acts 13:16–25 “Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said, “Men of Israel, and you who fear God, listen: **17 The God of this people Israel** chose our fathers and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and **with an uplifted arm He led them out from it.** **18** For a period of about forty years He put up with them in the wilderness. **19** When **He had destroyed seven nations** in the land of Canaan, He **distributed their land as an inheritance**—all of which took about four hundred and fifty years. **20** After these things **He gave them judges** until Samuel the **prophet.** **21** Then they asked for a **king**, and God gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years. **22** After He had removed him, He raised up **David to be their king**, concerning whom He also testified and said, ‘I have found David the **son of Jesse, a man after My heart**, who will do all My will.’ **23 From the descendants of this man, according to promise, God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus,** **24** after John had proclaimed before His coming a **baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel.** **25** And while John was completing his course, he kept saying, ‘What do you suppose that I am? I am not He. But behold, one is coming after me the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to untie.’”

Paul's Gospel in Acts

Acts 13:26–39 “Brethren, sons of Abraham’s family, and those among **you who fear God, to us the message of this salvation has been sent.** **27** For those who live in Jerusalem, and their rulers, **recognizing neither Him nor the utterances of the prophets which are read every Sabbath,** fulfilled these by **condemning Him.** **28** And though they found no ground for **putting Him to death,** they asked Pilate that He be executed. **29** When they had carried out **all that was written concerning Him,** they took Him down **from the cross and laid Him in a tomb.** **30** **But God raised Him from the dead;** **31** and for many days **He appeared to those who came up with Him** from Galilee to Jerusalem, the very ones who are now His witnesses to the people. **32** **And we preach to you the good news of the promise made to the fathers,** **33** that **God has fulfilled this promise to our children in that He raised up Jesus, as it is also written in the second Psalm, ‘You are My Son; today I have begotten You.’** **34** As for the fact that He raised Him up from the dead, **no longer to return to decay,** He has spoken in this way: ‘I will give you the holy and sure blessings of David.’ **35** Therefore He also says in another Psalm, ‘You **will not allow Your Holy One to undergo decay.**’ **36** For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep, and was laid among his fathers and underwent decay; **37** but **He whom God raised did not undergo decay.** **38** Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that **through Him forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you,** **39** and **through Him everyone who believes is freed from all things,** from which you could not be freed through the Law of Moses.”

Peter's Gospel in Acts

Acts 10:34-43 "Opening his mouth, Peter said: 'I most certainly understand now that God is not one to show partiality, **35** but **in every nation the man who fears Him and does what is right is welcome to Him. 36 The word which He sent to the sons of Israel**, preaching peace through **Jesus Christ (He is Lord of all)**— **37** you yourselves know the thing which took place throughout all Judea, starting from Galilee, **after the baptism which John proclaimed. 38** You know of **Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power**, and how He went about **doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. 39** We are witnesses of all the things He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem. **They also put Him to death by hanging Him on a cross. 40 God raised Him up** on the third day and granted that He become visible, **41** not to all the people, but to witnesses who were chosen beforehand by God, that is, to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead. **42** And He ordered us to preach to the people, and solemnly **to testify that this is the One who has been appointed by God as Judge of the living and the dead. 43 Of Him all the prophets bear witness that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins.'**"

Closing Thoughts

- The Bible is the Word of God, our authoritative source for the revelation of God and His redemptive acts in history, and is written for our benefit.
- The Bible is *not* a giant list of facts about God nor a rule book.
- You don't need to be a Bible scholar to read, understand, and benefit from Scripture study. The Bible is given for all—not just pastors and theologians and academics.
- Regular Bible reading strengthens and equips Christians for service.
- **Commit to reading your Bibles daily and as entire books.**

Psalms 34:8

“O **taste and see** that the LORD is good; How blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!”