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JESUS CHRIST: PROMISED, CRUCIFIED, AND RISEN

LESSON 5

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How do Christ's fulfilled life, saving death, and resurrection call us to faith and discipleship?

KEY VERSE

"For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:"

— 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Introduction

Long before Jesus was born, God promised a Saviour and gave identifying prophecies concerning the coming Christ. In their fulfillment, Jesus was revealed as the promised Son of God—Immanuel, Saviour, Messiah, and Lord. His words and works made known the Father's kingdom and compassion; His willing death bore the sins of others; and His bodily resurrection broke the power of the grave. This lesson follows that one gospel story and asks how we will respond to the crucified and risen Redeemer.

Question-and-Bible-Answer Study

1. **What first promise revealed that a Deliverer would come to overcome the serpent?**

   "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."
   — Genesis 3:15

   "Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ."
   — Galatians 3:16

   Study note. From the entrance of sin, God promised victory through the coming Seed. The New Testament identifies that promised Seed as Christ.

2. **What coming Prophet did Moses foretell, and how did Peter apply this promise?**

   "The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;"
   — Deuteronomy 18:15

"For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you. And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people. Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days."
— Acts 3:22-24

3. How did prophecy describe Christ's birth, and how was it fulfilled?

"Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."
— Isaiah 7:14

"Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."
— Matthew 1:23

4. Where was the promised Ruler to be born?

"But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting."
— Micah 5:2

"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,"
— Matthew 2:1

5. What names and titles reveal who the promised Child is and why He came?

"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."
— Matthew 1:21

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."
— Luke 2:11

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."
— Isaiah 9:6

Study note. The child born is the Son given. Scripture calls Him "God with us," "The mighty God," the Saviour, Christ, and Lord. These names uphold His full deity while identifying Him as the Father's promised Son.

6. What does Scripture reveal about Jesus' childhood and early life?

"And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him."
— Luke 2:40

"And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart."
— Luke 2:51

"And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man."
— Luke 2:52

7. How did the Father identify Jesus at the opening of His public ministry?

"And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan. And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him: And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."
— Mark 1:9-11

8. How did Jesus announce the mission foretold for the Messiah?

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised... And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears."

— Luke 4:18, 21

Study note. Jesus applied Isaiah's prophecy to Himself. The Father sent and anointed His Son to bring good news, healing, liberty, and hope.

9. In what few words did Jesus state the saving purpose of His ministry?

"For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

— Luke 19:10

10. What character marked Jesus' ministry among suffering people?

"How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him."

— Acts 10:38

"But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd."

— Matthew 9:36

11. What distinguished Jesus as a teacher?

"The officers answered, Never man spake like this man."

— John 7:46

"For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes."

— Matthew 7:29

"And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself."
— Luke 24:27

12. Why did Jesus teach by parables?

"Who hath ears to hear, let him hear. And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given. For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath. Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand."
— Matthew 13:9-13

Study note. Christ drew lessons from familiar life to reveal the truths of God's kingdom. His parables invite a willing heart to hear and receive the truth.

13. What did Christ's miracles reveal about His mission and His relationship with the Father?

"But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you."
— Luke 11:20

"If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him."
— John 10:37-38

"And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name."
— John 20:30-31

Study note. Jesus' miracles brought healing and deliverance, revealed the Father's works and kingdom, and gave evidence that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

14. Did Jesus know beforehand that He would suffer, die, and rise again?

"Then he took unto him the twelve, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished. For he shall be delivered unto the Gentiles, and shall be mocked, and spitefully entreated, and spitted on: And they shall scourge him, and put him to death: and the third day he shall rise again."

— Luke 18:31-33

"From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day."

— Matthew 16:21

15. How did Jesus submit Himself to His Father's will in the hour of suffering?

"Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me. And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt."

— Matthew 26:38-39

Study note. Jesus, knowing the cost, willingly surrendered to His Father's saving purpose.

16. Why did the Father give His Son, and for whom did Christ suffer?

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

— John 3:16

"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."
— Isaiah 53:5

Study note. The cross reveals the Father's love and the Son's self-giving obedience. Christ suffered for our sins so that believers might receive peace, healing, and everlasting life; salvation rests on His gift, not on human merit.

17. How did prophecy describe Christ's rejection and His conduct under suffering?

"He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not."
— Isaiah 53:3

"He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth."
— Isaiah 53:7

18. What did Jesus' words from the cross reveal?

"Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots."
— Luke 23:34

"When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost."
— John 19:30

Study note. Even while crucified, Jesus showed love toward sinners and prayed to His Father for His persecutors. His cry, "It is finished," marked the completion of the sacrifice He had come to make.

19. How did the circumstances of Christ's burial fulfill prophecy?

"And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in

his mouth."
— Isaiah 53:9

"When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple: He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered. And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed."
— Matthew 27:57-60

20. How did Scripture foretell Christ's resurrection, and what did Jesus say would be raised?

"For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption."
— Psalm 16:10

"Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."
— John 2:19

"But he spake of the temple of his body."
— John 2:21

Study note. The resurrection was the raising of Jesus Himself, the One whose body had been laid in the tomb. Scripture presents a real, bodily resurrection and not merely the survival of His influence or teachings.

21. What testimony announced that Jesus had risen, and who saw Him alive?

"And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay."
— Matthew 28:5-6

"And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.

After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles."
— 1 Corinthians 15:5-7

22. Why is Christ's resurrection essential to the gospel and to the believer's hope?

"And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins."
— 1 Corinthians 15:14, 17

"But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept."
— 1 Corinthians 15:20

"For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive."
— 1 Corinthians 15:22

Study note. The risen Christ is God's assurance that sin and death have been defeated. Because He lives, faith is not empty, forgiveness is sure in Him, and those who belong to Him have the hope of resurrection life.

23. What response do the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus invite?

"But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name."
— John 20:31

"And immediately he received his sight, and followed him, glorifying God: and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise unto God."
— Luke 18:43

"And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you."
— Matthew 28:7

Study note. The gospel calls us to turn from sin and believe in Jesus Christ. Following Him, loving God and others, obeying His word, and bearing witness to the risen Lord are the fruit of faith.

Lesson Summary

- God promised victory over the serpent through the coming Seed, and the prophets identified the Messiah's birth, mission, suffering, burial, and resurrection.
- Jesus fulfilled these promises: He was born of a virgin in Bethlehem and revealed as Immanuel, the Son of God, Saviour, Christ the Lord, and the mighty God.
- The Father sent and anointed His beloved Son to seek and save the lost, proclaim the gospel, reveal God's kingdom, and bring compassionate healing and deliverance.
- Christ taught with divine authority, opened the Scriptures, used parables to reveal kingdom truth, and performed signs so that people might believe in Him and receive life.
- Knowing what lay before Him, Jesus submitted to His Father's will and voluntarily suffered for our sins. Salvation rests on His sacrifice, not on human merit.
- Jesus truly died and was buried, and on the third day He rose bodily from the grave, just as Scripture and His own words had foretold.
- Christ's resurrection confirms the gospel, assures believers of forgiveness and life, and promises victory over death.
- God invites us to repent, believe in His Son, follow Him in love and obedience, and tell others that the crucified Jesus is risen.

Personal Response

Consider these questions quietly and answer them in your own words:

1. Which fulfilled promise or part of Jesus' ministry most strengthens your faith that He is the Christ, the Son of God?
2. What does Christ's willing sacrifice for your sins lead you to desire to confess, leave behind, or place in His hands?
3. How would you like to respond to the risen Lord through faith, love, discipleship, obedience, or witness?