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Bible Study Guide

The Mystery of Jesus Christ

Who is Jesus Christ?

What was His mission on earth?

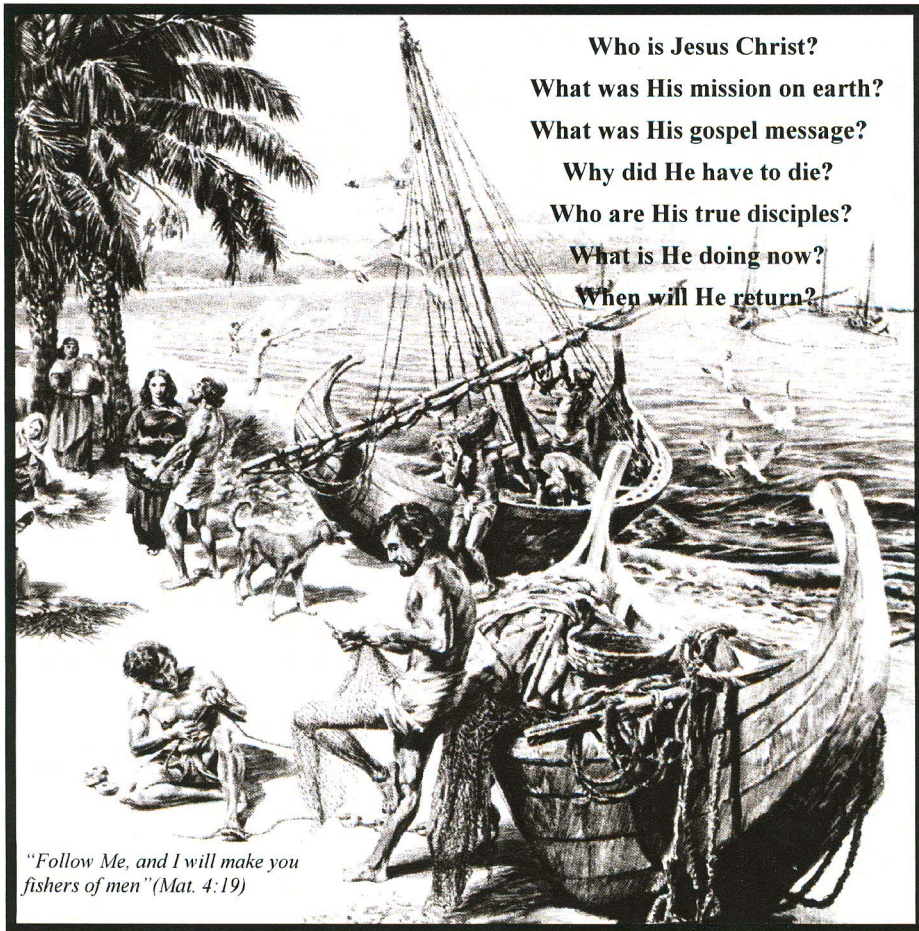
What was His gospel message?

Why did He have to die?

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*"Follow Me, and I will make you
fishers of men" (Mat. 4:19)*

*"If you abide in My word...you shall know the truth,
and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:31-32)*

Who is Jesus Christ ???

• **Jesus Christ is the Creator** (Eph 3:9; Col 1:15-18).

God with Him created the Heavens & the earth

& made man. "Let Us make man in Our image"

(Gen 1:26; 2:7). **HE IS:**

• The **Lord (YHWH-Eternal) God (El-Almighty)** of the OT—the **Lord** to Israel and to the Church (Deut 6:4; Mk 12:28-37; Ac 2:32-36). **God** (OT-Elohim, NT-Theos) is a collective noun like family (Eph 3:14-15)

• The **"Word" (LOGOS-Spokesman-John 1:1,3,14)**, the **"I Am" & "Rock" & "Deliverer"** of Israel before His human birth (Ex 3:13-15; 12:41-42; Mal 3:1-6; Heb 13:8; Ac 7:31-38; 1 Cor 10:4), & **"Melchizedek"** (King of Righteousness, King of Peace-Heb 7:1-2; Gen 14:17-20)

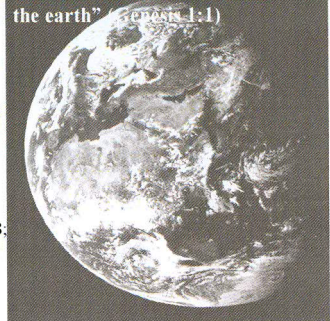
• **He gave up His power & glory, humbled Himself to become a Son of man**, born of a virgin, the **firstbegotten by God the Father** through the power of the Holy Spirit (Phil 2:5-7; Lk 1:26-37; Heb 1:1-12). **He** was "declared to be the **Son of God** with power [after being crucified]...by the resurrection from the dead" (Rom 1:4), "the **firstborn of many brethren**" (Rom 8:29; Heb 2:9-18) He presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by His disciples 40 days (Acts 1:3; 2:23-24; 10:39-43)

• **He is Immanuel** (God with us-Isa 14:7; Mat 1:23), the **Bridegroom** (Mat 9:15; 25:1-13; John 3:29; Isa 62:5), & the **Alpha & Omega**-Rev 1:8,11; 21:6-7; 22:13-**Aleph-Tav** in OT-not translated - Gen 1:1, 27; Isa 29:23; 52:10; 53:6,8)

• **Jesus name (Gk-Iesous from the OT Yahshua-Joshua- YHWH-yasha means Jehovah Savior** (Mat 1:1,21; Lk 1:31; John 19:19; Acts 4:10-12; Phil 2:5-10; Isa 45:15,21-22; 49:26)

• **Christ- "Messiah" or "Anointed One."** Kings and priests were anointed (Ex 29:7; 1 Sam 16:1-13). Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit, the power of God (Lk 3:22; Acts 10:38)

"God created the heavens and the earth" (Gen 1:1)



What was His Mission?

- **Jesus came to demonstrate God's love** for us (John 3:16-17; Rom 3:21-26; 5:8; 1 Pet 2:24)
- He became human to **experience human trials, suffering & death, learn obedience** & have compassion for our trials in brotherly love (Heb 2:14-18; 5:1-2,5-9)
- Jesus **healed** all manner of diseases as **proof He was the Messiah**, (Mat 4:23-24) & performed many **miracles** by the power of God—i.e. water to wine, fed 5000, walked on water, etc. (Jn 2:2-11,23; 3:2; 10:37-38; Mat 14:15-31; 15:29-39; Lk 5:1-11)
- He **fulfilled OT prophecies**, as **proof of the Bible** (Mat 5:17-18; Lk 18:31)
- He came to **do the Father's will** (John 5:30,36; 6:38-40; 12:49-50) & **reveal the Father** as Head of the God Family (Mat 11:27; Jn 5:19-30; 1 Cor 8:6; 15:23-28; Eph 3:14-15; Rev 21:1-7)
- He came to **obey & teach spirit of God's law—love of God & man**—setting example & turn us from sin (Mat 5-7; 12:1-14; Mk 2:27; Ac 3:13-26; 2 Cor 3:6; 1 Pet 2:21; 1 John 4:7-21)
- He **preached the gospel** (good news) of the soon coming **Kingdom of God** and the way of salvation (Mat 6:33; 19:16-26; Mk 1:14-15; Lk 4:4,16-22; John 3:5,14-21; Eph 1:13)
- He came to **prepare disciples** to build His **church** & become His **bride** (firstfruits of salvation) & witnesses of the gospel to the world (Isa 49:8,18; 61:10; 62:1-5; Mat 10:1-42; 16:18; 18:1-35; 24:14,22; 28:18-20; Mk 6:7-13; 9:33-42; 10:13-16,35-45; 16:15-18; Lk 10:1-24; 22:24-30; John 6:37,44-45,70; Acts 1:8; 2 Cor 3:2-6; Rev 22:17)
- Jesus was **tested** as we are & **overcame the world and Satan** to **qualify** and replace him as ruler over this world (Lk 4:1-13; Jn 16:33; 2 Cor 4:4; Heb 2:18; 4:15; 1 Jn 2:14-17; 5:4)
- He qualified to **become our High Priest & Savior** to make intercession for us and reconcile & justify us with God (Heb 4:14-16; 5:1-10; 7:22-27; Rom 5:1,6-11,18-21)
- He **established the New Covenant** with His disciples (Lk 22:20; Heb 5:6-13; 10:9-23)
- His final act as the Son of Man was to **redeem & deliver us from sin** that cuts us off from God (Isa 59:1-2) by submitting Himself to be unjustly tried, convicted & crucified by man (whose sins He came to redeem), **giving His life as a sacrifice & ransom** (Mat 20:28; Lk 23:1-25; Acts 2:36; 1 Tim 2:5-6). He who did no sin thus **fulfilled the curse (penalty)** of breaking the law **for us** (Deut 11:26-28; Isa 53:2-12; Mat 5:17; Rom 6:23; Gal 3:13; 1 Pet 2:21-25). **Greater love has no man than this!** (John 15:12-13)

What
did
Jesus
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???

- **Jesus taught the gospel** (good news) **of the Kingdom of God** (God's government) coming soon to bring lasting peace, prosperity, happiness and true success for all (Mat 4:17-23; 5:2-12; Mk 1:14-15; Lk 23:1-4; John 18:33-37; Isa 2:1-4; Isa 11 & 35) replacing evil tyrannical governments of this world that make war, conquer and oppress, causing poverty, misery, slavery and death for most (Dan 2:44; 7:15-27; Rev 13,17,18)
- He taught His disciples **how to pray** (Mat 6:5-15; Mk 11:22-26; Lk 11:1-13; 18:1-14)
- He taught the **law of God's Kingdom—love** is the spirit & fulfillment of the law (Mat 4:4; 5:17-20; 7:12; 22:36-40; Mat 5-7; John 13:34-35; 14:21; Rom 13:8-10; 1 Cor 13)
- He taught the **gospel of salvation, forgiveness** of sins, and how to receive **God's gift of eternal life** (Mk 10:17-22; 16:16; 18:21-35; Lk 6:37; Acts 2:21,38-39; Eph 1:13)
- He taught how **we can become sons of God** & enter His kingdom (Jn 1:12; 10:7-11,27-29) and the rewards of the saints (Mat 16:27; 19:27-29; Lk 19:11-27; Rev 2:7; 3:21; 19:7-9; 20:6)
- He taught many things in **parables** only for His disciples to understand (Mat 11:25; 13:10-18,34-35), i.e. the sower & seed, wheat & tares, pearl of great price (vs. 18-52); house built on sand/rock (Mat 7:24-29); lost sheep, coin, son (Lk 15:4-32); rich man, wicked husbandmen, wedding invitation, 10 virgins, talents (Mat 19:16-29; 21:33-46; 22:1-14; 25:1-30); rich man & Lazarus, Pharisee & publican (Lk 16:19-31; 18:9-14), etc.
- He taught His disciples to carry on God's work (Mat 28:19-20; John 14:12-31; 21:15-17)
- He foretold His own death & why He had to die (Mat 16:21; 20:17-19)
- Jesus **warned of false christs, prophets, ministers & disciples** coming in His name teaching doctrines of men & demons (Mat 7:15-23; 24:4-5,11,23-26; 1 Tim 4:1; Rev 6:1-2)
- He prophesied of the things that would come to pass before He returned (Mat 24; Rev 1:1)

What was His Message ???

Why did God allow Jesus to be crucified?

Jesus lived a perfect sinless life, why did God allow Him to die? The answer is to redeem man from the curse (penalty) for sin & reconcile us to God (Rom 5:10-11; 6:6-23; Gal 3:13; Heb 9:11-28).

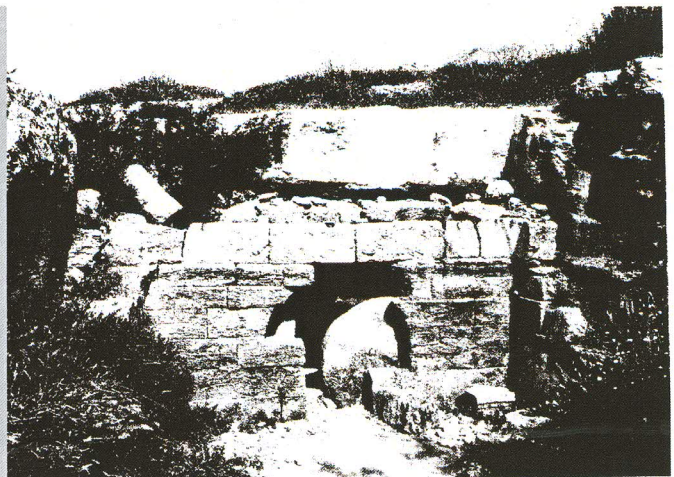
But why couldn't God just forgive our sins without a sacrifice? The reason is God's perfect law of love (Mat 22:36-40; Rom 13:8-10) is immutable. The penalty (curse) for sin (breaking that law is the law of sin - Rom 7:23-25; 1 John 3:4) is eternal death with no hope of an afterlife, "**The soul that sins shall die**" (Eze 18:4, 20; Rom 6:7,23; Eph 2:12; 1 Thes 4:13; Rev 20:14; 21:7-8).

God will not compromise His law (Mat 5:18). The only way possible for God to forgive our sins was for God Himself to fulfill the law and pay the penalty for us (Mat 5:17-20; Rom 5:6; John 3:16). God planned from the foundation of the world that Jesus Christ would give His life for man if he should sin (1 Pet 1:3-21; Rev 13:8). He demonstrated His love by giving His life for each of us that we could become sons of God (Rom 3:24-26; 5:8; 1 John 3:1-3).

"It is finished" (Jn 19:30)

"Christ our passover was sacrificed for us" (1 Cor 5:7)
Jesus fulfilled the Passover sacrifice and Atonement to redeem man from the curse of sin, finishing (accomplishing and making an end) of the purpose for sacrifices (John 19:30; Gal 3:19,23-25).

"**He is risen**" (Mat 28:6; Acts 2:24) exactly 3 days and nights later and He appeared to His disciples for 40 days before returning to heaven (Mat 12:40; 28:6; Acts 1:3,9-11; 2:31-36; 10:39-43)



Who are Christ's Disciples ???

Why did Jesus say, "Many are called, but few chosen" (Mat. 20:16; 22:14)? Who are God's elect (chosen), the bride? (Mat 13:18-23; 24:22; 25:1-10; Mic 6:8)

- Those who believe (Mat 16:13-17; Jn 6:68-69; 7:39; 20:31; Heb 11:6; Jam 1:2-8; 2:14-20)
- Those who abide in (obey) His word (Mat 4:4; Jn 8:31; Acts 5:32; 1 Jn 5:1-3)
- Those who Love God & one another (Mat 22:36-40; 25:34-40; Jn 13:35; 1 Jn 4:7-21)
- Those who hate evil & love & keep His law (Ps 97:10; 111:10; 119:165; Prov 8:13; Jer 31:33; Dan 12:10; Am 5:14-15; John 14:21; 15:10; 1 John 2:3-6; 3:10; 4:7-21; 5:1-3; Rev 1:3)
- Those of humble, contrite, loving, serving spirit (Isa 66:2; Mat 18:3-6; 1 Pet 5:1-7)
- Those who accept God's correction and overcome and endure to end (Heb 12:3-11; Mk 13:13; Eph 5:25-27; Rev 2:7,17,26; 3:5,12,21; Deut 10:12-21)

• As many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are the sons of God - They purify themselves (Rom 8:9,14; John 1:11-12; 1 John 3:1-3; Rev 17:14; 19:7-9).

Why are many not chosen as the bride of Christ? (Mat 7:21-23; 25:1-12)

- Don't believe or love God (Jn 5:24,38-47; 6:30-45,64-69; Dan 12:10; Mal 3)
- Love riches, pleasures, cares of world (Mat 13:18-23; 22:1-14; 19:16-24; 1 Tim 6:9-10)
- Don't love the truth (Jn 8:44; 17:17; Rom 1:18,25; 2 Thes 2:10-11; Rev 12:5)
- Love pride, vanity, fruit of man's knowledge & trust in self & man (Gen 3:5-6; Prov 6:16-19; 1 Cor 10:12; 2 Cor 1:9; Gal 5:19-21; 1 Tim 6:3-5; 2 Tim 3:1-7; 4:3-4; 1 Jn 2:15-17)
- Disobedient (Rom 2:1-13; Gal 3:1; 5:7; 6:7; Eph 2:2; 5:5; Col 3:5-10; 1 Pet 4:17; Rev 18:4)
- Some give heed to seducing spirits (2 Cor 11:3-4,13-15; 1 Tim 3:4; 1 Jn 4:1)
- "Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His (Rom 8:7-9)

What is Jesus (Yahshua) doing now?

- Jesus is **directing** the work of His **church** (Acts 6:1-7; 8:1,4; 9:15; 11:1-30; 13:1-5; Eph 1:22; 4:7-16; Col 1:18-29)
- He is **making intercession** teaching, correcting, encouraging, helping, healing, administering gifts of God's Spirit (Acts 1:8; 2; 3:6-21; 12:5-17; 19:11; Rom 8:26-39; 1 Cor 12:13-18; Heb 7:25; 12:5-11; Heb 13:5; 1 Pet 2:24)
- He is **preparing the government of God** to rule the earth, preparing positions and training, testing and selecting saints to fill those responsibilities (Dan 2:44; Mat 19:27-30; Lk 12:42-44; John 14:2,16,26; 16:5-15)
- He is calling & **preparing His bride** for the wedding (Mat 22:2-14; 25:1-13; Eph 5:22-32; Rev 1:11,20; 19:7)
- He is **fulfilling prophecies** & preparing for His **return** (Mat 24:14,22,29-31; Rev 2,3,11:1-15; 12:6-17)

When will Christ Return ???

Jesus' disciples asked, "What will be the sign of your coming and the end of the age?"

"Will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He answered, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority" (Mat 24:3; Acts 1:6-7). But He revealed a progression of conditions and events that would occur thru 7 church eras climaxing at the time of the end & His return (Mat 24:32-36; Rev 1:1,11,19; 11:15).

- **False prophets→antichrist** & Babylonian Mystery religion (Mat 24:4-5,10,11,23-26; 2 Cor 11:3,13-15; 2 Thes 2:3-10; 2 Pet 2:1-3; 1 Jn 2:18-22; Rev 2:20; 6:2; 13:11-18; 17:1-7; 18:2-9,24)
- **Wars→Armageddon** (Mat 24:6-8; Rev 6:3-4,8; 9:1-19; 16:12-16; 17:14; 18:17-21-24; 19:11-21)
- **Famines, pestilence & earthquakes** (Mat 24:7; Rev 6:5-8,12; 8:5; 11:13; 16:18; 18:8)
- **Gospel & warnings preached to all nations by 7 churches - 7 trumpets & 7 thunders** →2 witnesses (Mat 24:14; 28:18-20; Isa 58:1; Rev 1:1-3,11,19; 2:1...3:22; 8:1...11:15)
- **Betrayal, tribulation & martyrdom→great tribulation** (Dan 12:1; Mat 24:9-10,21-22,29; Lk 21:12-16; John 16:33; Rev 2:9-10,22; 3:10,18; 6:9-11; 7:14; 12:13-17; 13:15; 20:4-6)
- **Abomination in Holy Place in place of truth** (Mat 24:15; Dan 8:11-14; 11:31; 12:11; 1 Cor 3:16-17; 2 Cor 6:16-18; Col 1:13-24; 1 Thes 2:3-4,9-12; Rev 11:1-2)
- **Scoffers-as in days of Noah** (Mat 24:37-44; 2 Pet 2:4-6; 3:3-13; Gen 6:5-8,11-13)
- **7 Beast Gov't's rule by political, economic, military & religious power** →**New World Order** for 42 months (Rev 13:1-5-18; 17:7-18; 18:4). **True church protected** (Rev 12:11-17)
- **Heavenly signs→Day (Time) of God's Judgment** Joel 2; Mat 11:20-24; 12:36,41-42; 24:29-31; Lk 21:11,25-28; 2 Pet 2:9; Rev 6:12-17; 8 & 9; 14:6-20; 15:1,5-8; 16:1-21; 18:1-8,20)
- **7th Trumpet—return of Jesus Christ as KING of Kings and LORD of Lords & 1st Resurrection** (Mat 24:42; Lk 21:36; Rev 11:15-19; 17:14; 19:6-16; 20:4-6; Joel 2:15-16)