JESUS IN ALL OF THE SCRIPTURES

John 5.39, 40 and Genesis 3

THE GOSPEL IN ALL THE SCRIPTURES

Colossians 2.17 // Hebrews 8.5, 10.1 // John 5.39, 40 // Luke 24.27, 44

Jesus makes clear that He is found in the Scriptures, and when He made that clear He was specifically speaking of the Old Testament Scriptures. The Old Testament is not the "Bad News" and the New Testament the "Good News."

The Old Testament is the New Testament concealed, And the New Testament is the Old Testament revealed.

-Augustine

Two questions to ask when you read the Word when it comes to seeing the larger Gospel purpose and narrative:

- 1) How does the text reflect a people who need redemption?
- 2) How does the text reflect a God who provides redemption?

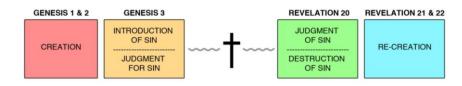
GENESIS 1-3: THE FIRST GOSPEL DECLARATION

Genesis 1-3, sets the stage for the rest of the Scriptures. Genesis 3.15 is the first clear instance of the Gospel in the bible.

Genesis 3.1-24

Only God *could be* our redeemer, but God *should not* be our redeemer. Only man *should be* our redeemer, but man *could not* be our redeemer.

Isaiah 7.14 and Matthew 3.13 // Galatians 4.4 // Romans 5.12-21 1 Corinthians 15.21-26



Revelation 19-22



Recommended Resources

The Gospel Transformation Bible

NOTES:

Published by Crossway, this bible is not *so much* a study bible, but a bible with commentary to help you see the bigger picture of Christ and His Gospel in and through all the Scriptures.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

BAPTISM, PARENT DEDICATIONS, & PICNIC!
Today we will be celebrating Parent
Dedications, and Baptisms! Stick around after
service to celebrate with a Picnic out back on
the field.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION!

It's that time of year again! On Sunday March 16th we'll be having some Celtic Worship Music during service, then afterward an outdoor Irish-style potluck, with games for the whole family, and MORE Live Celtic Music!

Check out our website for more information! lifemissionchurch.com/blog/st-patricks-day/

TWO SERVICES COMING MARCH 30TH!

On March 30th we'll be going to 2 services on Sundays at 9am & 11am! We're very excited about this as it will allow us to reach even more people with the Gospel, as well as enable our faithful serving teams to attend a worship service every week.

Along with this exciting growth comes more opportunities to partner with us by serving on one of our ministry teams! Check out the Green Board in the courtyard showing the current serving opportunities where you can take your next step of faith & get plugged in.

NOAH MOVIE EVENT

Join us Saturday March 29th for a fun group outing to go see the movie "Noah," loosely based on the Bible Story. The next day Pastor Jobey will be giving a message on the story of Noah! We expect the movie to be a "Hollywood Version" and most likely a departure from the true Biblical account and its meaning. That being said, we believe this will be an excellent opportunity to invite nonbelieving friends and family to the movie on Saturday and then hear what the Bible really has to say about Noah the next day. We'll be buying group tickets in advance, so let us know on your Connection Card if you'd like to be part of this fun event!

MEN'S MINISTRY - MARCH 24TH

This month, we're launching our Men's Ministry, led by Pastor Jobey! This will be a great opportunity to connect with other men in the church and grow together in devotion and knowledge of God. We will meet <u>every other</u> Monday night at 7PM. <u>PLEASE</u> help us plan by signing up on your Connection Card!

SAVE.

Jesus was sent to save. We have been saved to be sent. We are sent into our community to share the Good News that Christ came to save us, and we hope to see many who find new life in Christ.

EQUIP.

We want to equip those very people in the Word so that they can continue to grow as disciples of Christ. From our preschool to our adults, our passion is to see everyone equipped in the Gospel to live a life of freedom and joy.

SEND.

Lastly, we then want to see those equipped people sent into their community and world. From schools and playgrounds, to families and work places, we want to see people who are spiritual leaders in their life, showing people the truth of Christ's Good News.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

| Read John 5.38-40 and Luke 24.25-27, 44. What stuck out to you the most or was the most impactful from the message on Sunday or from these verses? |
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| What do Jesus' own words do to your perspective of the Old Testament? Read also Colossians 2.17, Hebrews 8.5 and 10.1 for more clarity. |
| Read 2 Timothy 3.16, 17. There are many sections and even whole books in the bible that sometimes may seem confusing or irrelevant to us. But knowing this truth in this passage, in light of what Jesus has said about Himself in the Scriptures, how can these seemingly irrelevant parts of the Word actually affect us? |
| In the sermon notes, Jobey mentioned two questions we can ask ourselves as we look at the Word. How would these two questions help show you the original main purpose of some of these more difficult sections of Scripture, particularly in the Old Testament? |
| Now read Genesis 3.1-24. Focusing on verse 21 , what is significant about the difference of what Adam and Eve made for garments (verse 7), and what God made? |
| What is surprising about God's response to their sin? |
| God very well could have brought about their death immediately, but instead gave them hope in the form of Good News, that He would send a Redeemer to undo what they had done. However, because of the severity of the trespass, He showed them that blood must be shed, as pictured in His making of their clothes. Read verse 22 and 23. How also is God's decision to kick them out of the Garden also an act of His grace? |
| Read Revelation 21.1-5. What is significant about this picture of our future? |
| How does a deeper understanding of the history of salvation and redemption, starting in Genesis 1-3 , change how you see your own life and journey as a "pilgrim" passing through the life that God has assigned to you? |
| Take time to pray and thank God for being a God of mercy and grace. Thank Him that He is a God of forgiveness and ask Him to help you see the bigger picture of the severity of your own sinfulness, and the vastness of His holiness. These two things working together help build a deep give and thankfulness for the mercy |

and grace He has shown His people.