

THE HOPE OF ISRAEL

CHRISTOLOGY

Reading: Genesis 22:1-18; Exodus 12—15:1; Psalm 19; Isaiah 6:10-17, 9, 11, 12, 49, 52-55, 61; Baruch 3; Ezekiel 36-37; Daniel 7; Zechariah 9

The Chosen People

- Call of Abraham (Gn 12:1-3, Gn 17—18:15)
- Sacrifice of Isaac
 - Genesis 22:1-18
 - Psalm 15: Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you
- Exodus
 - Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14: Passover and the Paschal Lamb
 - Psalm 115: The blessing cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ
- Exodus 14:15—15:1
 - Exodus 15: I will sing to the Lord, glorious his triumph!
 - Covenant
- Sustenance: Food & Water
 - Life: Law
 - Psalm 19; 119
- Promised Land
 - Covenant
 - King
- Temple (Ark of the Covenant, Shekinah)
 - Exodus 40
 - 2 Samuel 6-7
 - 1 Kings 6, 9:1-9

Mediators

- The Promise
 - Isaiah 7:10-17, 9, 11, 12
- Exile and return
 - Psalm 42, 51
- The Servant of God
 - Isaiah 40, 42, 43, 49
 - Isaiah 52:13—53:12
 - Psalm 31: Father, into your hands I commend my spirit
 - Isaiah 54:5-14
 - Psalm 30: I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me
 - Isaiah 55:1-11
 - Isaiah 12: You will draw water from the wells of salvation
 - Isaiah 60
 - Isaiah 61: Role of the Anointed
 - Isaiah 66
- The purpose of the Covenant

- Baruch 3:9-15, 32—4:4
- Psalm 19: You have the message of eternal life, O Lord
- The vindication of Israel
 - Daniel 7: Son of Man
- A new kind of king
 - Zechariah 9
- Jeremiah
- Death is the ultimate enemy
 - Ezekiel 36:16-18, 37
 - Psalm 42: Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God
- God's Passionate Love and his calling
 - Hosea
 - Song of Songs
- Completion of creation
 - Isaiah 66



The Hope: New Jerusalem

- Freedom from Oppression—Son of Man of the God of Hosts
 - King: Son of David
 - Anointed One
- New Covenant
 - Sins forgiven
 - Restoration of Israel
 - New Temple
- Wisdom come down
 - True servant of God
 - Bear the sins of the people
 - Heart of Flesh—Spirit of God
- Creation restored
 - Resurrection
 - God with us: Emmanuel

The Life of Jesus

Chronology

Situation

- Broken Israel
- Roman domination
- God seems to have abandoned the people
- Zealots, Pharisees, Sadducees, Essenes

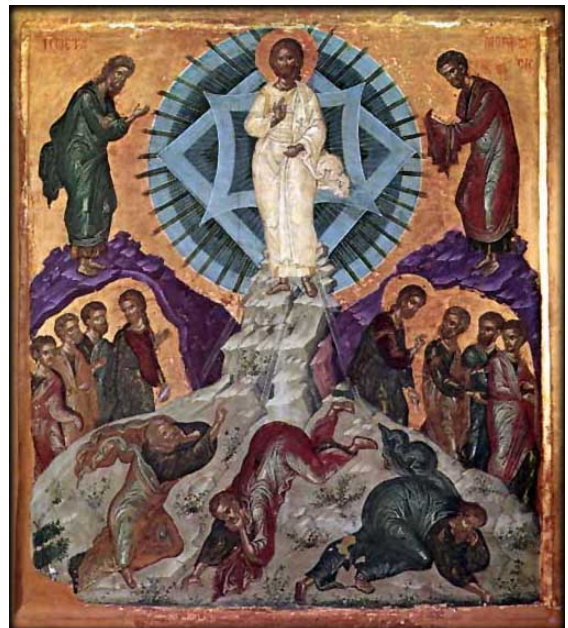
Kingdom of God

- What is the kingdom that he preaches?

- Meaning
 - Renewal of creation
 - New home for those who seek God
 - New Israel: calling of the Twelve
 - New law
 - New covenant
- Ministry: How the kingdom is brought about
 - What does he do?
 - Healings
 - Faith; i.e., trusting and relying truly on God, causes the kingdom to erupt in our midst, bringing healing and life
 - Healing and forgiveness
 - Combat with the powers of evil
 - Table fellowship
 - Feeding of the Five Thousand / Feeding of the Four Thousand
 - Jesus and women
 - What does he say?
 - Teaching
 - Eschatological Sayings
 - The Sermon on the Mount
 - Beatitudes
 - The New Law
 - Fulfillment of the old
 - Prayer
 - The Sabbath
 - The Parables

Identity

- How is Jesus received?
 - Misunderstanding
 - Understanding
- Who is he?
 - Peter's confession
 - Transfiguration
 - Son of Man
 - The Son of the Father
 - Last Prophet/Elijah
 - Messiah
 - Son of David
 - New Moses
- The Son and the Father
 - No one knows the Father but the Son
 - The Son reveals the Father



The Fourth Gospel

- Images
 - Water
 - Vine and Wine
 - Bread
 - Shepherd
- Themes
 - Abundance: Wedding at Cana
 - Light: Healing of the Blind Man
 - Water: Woman at the Well
 - Transformation: Transfiguration
 - Life: Raising of Lazarus
 - Exaltation on the cross
 - Truth in suffering

Why does he get into trouble?

- Forgiveness of sins
- Messiah
- Cleansing of the temple
- Entrance into Jerusalem

The Death of Jesus

Preparations

- Palm Sunday
 - Entry into Jerusalem
 - Messiah in the model of Zechariah 9:9-10
- Holy Week
 - Cleansing of the Temple
- The Last Supper
 - The words of Jesus
 - The washing of the feet
 - Jesus' farewell discourse

The Cross

- Last Supper as interpretive key
 - Death as bringing new covenant
 - Death as invoking the kingdom
- The OT Scriptures which fill the NT descriptions of the Passion
 - Fulfillment of the scriptures
 - The coming of the King of Glory
 - Vindication: Psalm 22

The Resurrection

- There is no Christianity without the Resurrection



- The saving value of the death of Christ is understood in the resurrection
- Connection between creation and resurrection
- Consistency with Old Testament expectations
- Answer to our current existence
- Realistic hope

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