

Apologetics - Jesus (Gospels)

Old Testament Prediction and Expectation of Messiah (Isaiah 52:13-53:12)

Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of Old Testament predictions of Messiah

The Virgin Birth of Jesus (Matthew 1:18-25)

Jesus Christ was born of a virgin thus avoiding inherited sin.

The Claims of Jesus (7 “I am” Statements in John)

Jesus claimed to be the path to reconciliation with God.

- “I am the bread of life.” (John 6:48)
- “I am the light of the world.” (John 8:12)
- “I am the gate.” (John 10:7, 9)
- “I am the good shepherd.” (John 10:11)
- “I am the resurrection and the life.” (John 11:25)
- “I am the way, the truth, and the life.” (John 14:6)
- “I am the true vine.” (John 15:1, 5)

The Death and Burial of Jesus (Luke 23:44-56)

Jesus died as an innocent man in the place of others.

The Resurrection of Jesus (Luke 24:1-12)

Jesus rose from the dead and thus validated His claims.

**Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of Old Testament prediction,
born of a virgin, on a mission as God incarnate
to die for our sins and validate His claims
by resurrection from the dead.**

Passages:

- Isaiah 52:13-53:12
- Matthew 1:18-25
- John 1:1-18
- Luke 23:44-56
- Luke 24:1-12

Next Steps:

- **Be** - I will meditate on the person of Jesus this week.
- **Multiply** - I will share with a friend or family member one or more of the “I am” statements of Jesus.
- **Go** - I will pray that the name of Jesus will be shared boldly and clearly in new places around the world.

Home Church Questions:

- Read John 1:1-18
- Discuss the message. Is there anything that stood out as important, new, challenging, or helpful.
- What might it have been like to live in Old Testament times and be looking forward to Christ instead of looking back?
- Read Isaiah 52:13-53:12. How clearly does this point to Jesus? What elements are especially clear?
- Discuss the virgin birth. Wow.
- Which of the seven “I am” statements of Christ is most comforting to you (John 6:48; 8:12; 10:7,9; 10:11; 11:25; 14:6; 15:1,5)?
- The death and resurrection of Christ is central to Christianity. How can we make it central in our lives?