

## Week 7 - Jesus

Throughout the season, we have studied different characters in the Bible and how God kept His promises to them. We have seen when things seemed to be falling apart, that God stepped in and showed that He was still in control. We have traced God's promises of a Savior to defeat sin. Everything that came before pointed to this needed Savior. Today, we are going to find him; his name is **Jesus**.

Ever since Adam committed the first sin, everyone else in the world followed suit. It separated them all from God and they were left without a cure. God promised a Savior, and his name is Jesus. Jesus is God who created the whole world. He is God who made the promises to Adam and Abraham and David. But because he loved us so much, he came to earth to die on the cross to take our place and rose back to life on the third day. We all deserve death because of our sin, but Jesus didn't because he was perfect. Instead, he took our punishment and offers us life with God that lasts forever. Let's talk about how the whole Bible points to Jesus.

Jesus left heaven and "emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men" (Philippians 2:7). **Adam** was created to be a servant of God and to rule over creation for God. He had every advantage in the perfect garden, but still failed in his duties and sinned. Jesus left heaven and took on every disadvantage possible and yet overcame every obstacle. He lived a perfect life and never did anything wrong.

God showed **Noah** the seriousness of sin and that the punishment for sin had to be death. Noah didn't deserve to be saved from God's wrath, but God chose him to show grace to him so that He could keep his promise to one day defeat sin altogether. Jesus came to earth and never deserved the punishment for sin. Even so, Jesus willingly stepped into our place and died the death that we deserved. We all deserve death and separation from God because we all sin, but Jesus came specifically to pay our penalty so that we could once again have a relationship with God.

**Abraham** left his home country and trusted God to fulfill his promises. Jesus eventually came to be the fulfillment of the promises and to show God's control over every situation. He came to be the one promised to Abraham that would crush sin and make it no more.

**Moses** was a strong leader for God's chosen people who led them out of slavery to powerful king in Egypt. He taught the people how they were to worship God, but he was not able to do it himself. Jesus came to earth to lead people out of the slavery to sin. He destroyed the power of sin in people's lives so that they can stop being enemies of God in His justice, but actually have peace again with their Creator. Jesus taught people how they could have a relationship with God because of his sacrificial death on the cross that would allow the forgiveness of sins.

**David** was a great king for Israel and did his best to honor God most of his life. He trusted in God's promises to eventually overcome his downfalls and to bring a king out of David's family that would rule forever. Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born to one of David's descendants. He died on the cross to defeat sin and 3 days later came back to life to defeat death. Because of Jesus' victories, if we trust him to be our lord and king, we can experience life with him that lasts forever.

Everything in the Bible points to this truth: All of us are in need of a Savior. Because of Jesus' death on the cross, all we have to do is believe in him and what he did for us. The Bible says that if we confess with our mouths that Jesus is lord and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead, we will be saved. All we need to do is trust in Jesus and ask him to forgive us of our sins and he will do it! He will claim us as his own and we will once again have the relationship with God that we were supposed to in the beginning. Jesus was the promised Savior to defeat sin, and he has done it, so let's trust in him to save us today!