

Rediscovering the story of the Old Testament
Session 1: The Grand Narrative – Lesson 6
Heaven and Earth joined within Jesus

Promised Messiah (3-9)

Isa 53:3 He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

Mat 1:23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall all his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

There were some _____ about the coming of the Messiah: some referring to a king establishing a _____ but other hints mysteriously referring to a lowly Messiah, a _____ Messiah. It was not easy trying to figure out how that would all go together.

Mat 3:16-17 *And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.*

Mat 12:8 *For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day*
John 2:19-22 *Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.” They replied, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?” But the temple he had spoken of was his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.*

It was not until Jesus' _____ that the disciples _____ grasped that _____ and _____ were contained in the person of Jesus, fully God and fully human.

Confounding the strong (10-11)

A _____ theme in scripture is God's habit of turning the _____ on conventional thinking:

- the weak become _____
- the wise are _____
- the barren shall become _____.

God chose a small, _____ insignificant nation to be the people _____ whom God would send someone to _____ the whole world.

The Messiah, The Suffering Servant (12-16)

Isaiah 53:3 *He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.*

Galatians 4:4-5 *But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.*

Matthew 3:16-17 *As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”*

2000 years ago, the Son of God, Jesus, was born to a

_____ couple who were of no political or social
_____. His childhood was un-newsworthy to the
point of it still being mostly _____.

But when Jesus' brief 3-year _____ ministry finally
begins, it seems that not enough could be written.

To begin his ministry, Jesus, the Son of God, instructed John the _____ to baptize him. As Jesus went up out of the water, the Holy Spirit descended like a _____ and the Father _____. “This is my _____ in whom I am well pleased.

Jesus, in conversation with the Father and empowered by the Holy Spirit established the _____ of God on earth.

Jesus’ _____ – his healings of the lame, the blind and other diseases; the casting out of demons – _____ his ministry. His teaching with such _____ distinguished him greatly among the other teachers of the law. His life, totally without sin, was undeniable.

The Kingdom of Heaven was made _____ by the presence of Jesus, by His healing touch, and the good news taught to the poor.

Law fulfilled; Life given (17-22)

Galatians 3:13-14 *Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole.” He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.*

Matthew 5:17 *“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.*

Romans 5:20-21 *The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, 21 so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Jesus was born as _____ so that he could
_____ on our behalf. He had to die the death that
_____ were meant to die and to suffer what
_____ were meant to suffer so that _____
could offer the life he meant us to live.

In Jesus we see the _____ of what was spoken of
before in the Law and the Prophets about the Law, the
Tabernacle and the Sabbath.

The _____ was given to expose our sins. The
_____ was given to show us how our sins could be
removed. The _____ was given to reveal the rest that
was available to us.

All these were _____ in Jesus.

We no longer need the Law to _____ us because the law was fulfilled and is now be written in our hearts.

We no longer need to perform _____ in the Tabernacle because Christ was the sacrifice once and for all.

We no longer need to observe a _____ although we still need to rest in Jesus

The _____ given by God are _____ for us to receive through faith and by His _____ turn away from our sin and to turn towards the God who loves us.