

Jesus, B.C.

A Sermon Series

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Even though Advent and Christmas are a few months away, truly the entry of God's Son on Planet Earth was the main event of all of history. In fact, it was foreshadowed in all the books of the Bible as the "scarlet thread of redemption." That's why we can talk about Jesus, B.C. Leading up to Thanksgiving and Advent, we will consider in six messages how God's Word alludes to Jesus Christ before his birth in Bethlehem:

October 11 - Jesus in the Torah

October 18 - Jesus in Jewish History
(pre-exile)

October 25 - Jesus in the Prophets
(pre-exile)

November 1 - Jesus in the Writings

November 8 - Jesus During and After the Exile
(history and prophets)

November 15 - Jesus in the Intertestamental Years

Jesus, Our Conqueror

Pre-Exile history (1400-586 BC)

Books: Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1&2 Samuel,
1&2 Kings, 1&2 Chronicles

Purposes:

- 1) To relate the conquest and occupation of the Promised Land by the Israelites and show how the prosperity and demise of the nation paralleled their spiritual faithfulness
- 2) To explain to subsequent generations of Jews the causes of the dispersion of the then northern tribes (Israel) and the exile of Judah.

Lessons for Personal Application and Ministry:

Hints of the presence and protection that Jesus gives his followers appear in some of the historical events of Israel.

1. God's salvation (Joshua = Yeshua = Jesus) SALVATION
2. Kinsman redeemer (Ruth) REDEMPTION
3. Elisha and the angelic army (2 Kings 6:8-20) DELIVERANCE
4. David and Mephibosheth (2 Samuel 9:1-11) ADOPTION

Life Response:

How has Jesus entered your history? Can you relate to one of the above stories and use that testimony to encourage someone else this week?