

# 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 in the Writings

Messianic Glimpses in the Hebrew Wisdom Literature

*Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon*  
Through the devotional literature of Israel, God revealed much about Himself and gave responses to deep questions of life for succeeding generations. Occasional glimpses of the Messiah appear, especially in the Psalms.

### **Job**

Christ as Redeemer and the Resurrection; 19:25-27

### **Proverbs**

Personification of Wisdom (for example: 1:20; 3:15-18; 4:5-9)

Wisdom=Truth=Word=Logos=Christ

Wisdom is applied knowledge, the foundation of all good conduct.

Wisdom is ethical excellence. To reject it is to commit moral suicide.

### **Ecclesiastes**

There seem to be no direct or indirect references to the Messiah, although the repeated phrase “under the sun” refers to life apart from being conscious of the presence of God, a life without the Messiah. Eccl. 12:1, 13, 14 come the closest to the gospel.

### **Song of Solomon**

This sensuous love song has widely been understood by Christians to be an allegory or type which expressed the marital union between Christ and the Church taught in Ephesians 5.

### **Psalms**

The Messianic Psalms (2, 8, 16, 22, 40, 41, 45, 68, 69, 78, 97, 102, 110, 118)

Birth, betrayal, agony, death, resurrection, ascension, coming again in glory, and reign are common themes.

**Application:** Thinking about your life B. C. (before Christ became your Savior), can you now see how He was active in winning your heart?