

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

Lessons in the Silent Times

Zechariah 9:9, 10; Luke 2:25-32; Galatians 4:3-5

There are times when the heavens seem silent, and we wonder if we are left on our own. Those times may be spiritually dry and short on revelation from above, but they reveal some very important lessons if we learn how to listen to the silence. Israel's 400 "silent" years between the Old and New Testaments can teach us how to respond when God seems silent.

1. The PERSIAN Period (536-333 BC)

Hold on in the dark to what you know was true in the light.

2. The GREEK Period (333-323 BC)

See the activity of God in your circumstances and how it relates to His long-range goals for you.

3. The EGYPTIAN Period (323-204 BC)

Do what you can to further what you know is God's will.

4. The SYRIAN Period (204-165 BC)

Anticipate the possibility of suffering and be ready to declare your allegiance.

5. The MACCABEAN Period (165-63 BC)

Do not compromise your loyalties or convictions for the sake of an easier life.

6. The ROMAN Period (63 BC...)

Discern the signs of the times, for God's blessing may be just ahead.