

For Jesus

Luke 24:44-49

Who are we? We are a family.

Family Values-Motivated by God's love, we are hospitable, faithful, & fruitful.

Why do we exist? 4 "fors"

1. We exist For People
2. We exist for people to find Jesus
3. We exist for people to follow Jesus
4. We exist for Jesus

We are a family that exists for people to find and follow Jesus

We are a family that exist for Jesus

Read vs. 44

Prophecy & Typology

Prophecy-Foretelling of the future

Typology-the study and interpretation of types and symbols
-Example; Gen. 3

Context-the fall

Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. Genesis 3:7

And then the curse ensues but before God sends them out of the garden, he sacrifices an animal and clothes them...

And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them. Genesis 3:21

Read Jesus Storybook Bible

Why? Because in the curse we find a glimmer of hope in way of a prophecy.

"I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."
Genesis 3:15"

Protoevangelium, Proto- First / Evangelium- Gospel

-Born a virgin with the purpose of setting His people free from sin and death!

Passion of the Christ; garden scene

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Over 300 prophecies

Jesus would bring in a new covenant- Jer. 31:31

-be forsaken and pierced, but vindicated, Psalm 22/ Ze. 12:10

-born of a virgin, Isaiah 7:14

-come according to a timetable, Daniel 9:24-27

-bear our sins and suffer in our place, Isaiah 42-43

-betrayed for thirty pieces of silver, Zech 11:12-13

-born in Bethlehem and taken to Egypt, Micah 5:2/Hos 11:1¹

-and death would not hold him. Hosea 6:2

Typology - Christ also fulfilled types and shadows in the old testament

Think back to the garden when "God made clothes for his Children, to cover them." That through the sacrifice of life, our shame fear and guilt would be covered. In Gen. 3, it was temporary, but Jesus is the better sacrifice that covers us for he provides a way for our sin to be removed so

¹ <https://jewsforjesus.org/answers/top-40-most-helpful-messianic-prophecies/>

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we can return to the new and better Garden of God! And as Tim Keller tells us in his book *"Preaching; Communicating Faith in an age of Skepticism"*

Jesus is the true and better Adam who passed the test in the garden and whose obedience is imputed to us.

Jesus is the true and better Abel who, though innocently slain, has blood now that cries out, not for our condemnation, but for acquittal.

Jesus is the true and better Abraham who answered the call of God to leave all the comfortable and familiar and go out into the void not knowing whither he went to create a new people of God.

Jesus is the true and better Isaac who was not just offered up by his father on the mount but was truly sacrificed for us. And when God said to Abraham, "Now I know you love me because you did not withhold your son, your only son whom you love from me," now we can look at God taking his son up the mountain and sacrificing him and say, "now we know that you love us because you did not withhold your son, your only son, whom you love from us."

Jesus is the true and better Jacob who wrestled and took the blow of justice we deserved, so we, like Jacob, only receive the wounds of grace to wake us up and discipline us.

Jesus is the true and better Joseph who, at the right hand of the king, forgives those who betrayed and sold him and uses his new power to save them.

Jesus is the true and better Moses who stands in the gap between the people and the Lord and who mediates a new covenant.

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Jesus is the true and better Rock of Moses who, struck with the rod of God's justice, now gives us water in the desert.

Jesus is the true and better Job, the truly innocent sufferer, who then intercedes for and saves his stupid friends.

Jesus is the true and better David whose victory becomes his people's victory, though they never lifted a stone to accomplish it themselves.

Jesus is the true and better Esther who didn't just risk leaving an earthly palace but lost the ultimate and heavenly one, who didn't just risk his life, but gave his life to save his people.

Jesus is the true and better Jonah who was cast out into the storm so that we could be brought in.

Jesus is the real Rock of Moses, the real Passover Lamb, innocent, perfect, helpless, slain so the angel of death will pass over us. He's the true temple, the true prophet, the true priest, the true king, the true sacrifice, the true lamb, the true light, the true bread.

The Bible's really not about you—it's about him.²

He is greater than the angels, the true and holy high priest, the bread of life, the light of the world, the one & only door to the Kingdom of God & true resurrected life; He is the good shepherd, the only way, the truth and life, and the true vine.

He is Creator of all and yet our friend, Lord and savior, king of Kings and Lord of Lords, who, being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name

² Tim Keller, Preaching: Communicating Faith in an Age of Skepticism

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that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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Be reminded, saints! Remember who it is we worship!

As Colossians 3 says...

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

It's not a command based on compulsion, legalism, or fear, it's based on truth of who Jesus is!

For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Colossians 3:2-4

We give our lives to him because he is our life

He is the fulfillment of all human redemption, Jesus is our true hero

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Read vs. 45

-How we need this! Young or old, an infant or father in the faith, we need our minds open to understand who Jesus is so that we may live for him!

-Recalibrate, renew, restore.

-So often we start here and then go down a road of legalism.

-Teether ball (Show it)

Read vs. 46-49

-Gospel, Repentance, forgiveness,

-Proclaimed!

-Witness

-Holy Spirit / Power on High / Communion