

A Very Short Life of Jesus

I. Introduction

Jesus had a hand in the creation of the physical universe , of space and time:

II. Birth and Early Life of Jesus and John the Baptist

There are just hints that John will preach the need for repentance and that Jesus will die on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins.

III. Ministry of John the Baptist - c. A.D. 25-27

John, like Jesus, did not learn his mission until he was thirty years old.

John clearly tells everyone his call to repentance of sin is not enough. They must look to his cousin Jesus to pay the penalty for their sin:

IV. Ministry of Jesus - Beginning - c. A. D. 27

Jesus himself admits He needs the baptism of John. He repents of His sin, and wishes to be baptized in the Jordan by John as a public declaration of His repentance.

After He and all the rest of those in the crowd who repented were baptized by John, Jesus prayed and this triggered His second baptism, His born again experience, His baptism of the Holy Ghost.

God's voice from heaven let's all know Jesus is now the

perfect sacrifice for all sin.

Jesus learns of his mission to die for our sins during forty days of fasting.

He does not reveal this mission publicly, only in private.

V. Northern Ministry of Jesus - A. D. 27-29

Jesus performs all thirty seven recorded miracles to establish himself to all who witnessed them that he was their predicted Messiah.

It was time for a change. The Messiah was needed. The current temple leaders were a generation of vipers; they were not doing their God given job of teaching and preaching God's word.

Jesus' reason for holding back the revelation of His person and message to the Jewish religious leaders was that the more He reveals, the more they seek to kill Him. But the time for his sacrifice on the cross had not yet come.

It will take two years of training before his twelve apostles are ready to be sent out with the complete message of God's plan of salvation for the entire world.

For two years they will be taught with parables which will take special spiritual discernment to understand, will witness miracles which confirm the divinity of Jesus, and they will witness His death, burial and resurrection. And at the end of their training period, as a graduation ceremony at Pentecost, they will receive the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

VI. Southern Ministry of Jesus - Oct. A.D. 29 - A.D. 30

Now Jesus is shouting His message of salvation not just in private to individuals, to His chosen ones, His disciples and apostles. Now He is shouting it to all Jews in hearing distance.

VII. Final Week at Jerusalem - Spring A. D. 30

Jesus devotes His last words to His disciples to strengthen their courage through His death, burial, and resurrection. He tells them:

1. He will care for them and prepare a place for them in heaven.
2. God will meet their needs through prayer.
3. They will have the indwelling of The Holy Spirit for their constant guidance.
4. They have been specially selected by God to perform their duties as disciples.
5. The Jewish religious leaders will have completely revealed their hatred for God and His Messiah.
6. Shortly after His death, He will resurrect and teach them not with parables but with words of meaning clear to all.

Now the guilt of the high priest is complete. He has received it right from the Son's mouth that He is what He claims to be and the high priest has rejected Him. Just as with the high priest Caiaphas, the rest of the council proves their unfitness for their jobs. They reject the very God they were appointed to serve.

The fact that God the Father would forsake God the Son as He died on the cross was predicted by David a thousand years before the event. This is just one of

dozens of examples of how Jesus fulfilled Old Testament prophecies for the coming Messiah: Psa 22:1

VIII. The Resurrection though the Ascension - A.D. 30

The resurrection is the most important event in the Gospels.

Without it, as Paul says: "...your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins."

After reestablishing fellowship with His Father, Jesus is quick to return to earth to begin the process of spreading the Good News. Jesus teaches two ordinary disciples how He has fulfilled Old Testament prophecy concerning the Messiah. These two immediately relate their experience to the apostles. This is a living example to His apostles and to all His missionaries of what and how to teach the world.

And just after we might have thought that Thomas deserved the title of world champion doubter, we have it from Matthew that some apostles continued to doubt their very own eyes that Jesus had conquered death. But the hope of the world rests on those who do believe, accept the power as promised, and go out and teach as instructed.

HOW TO BE SAVED

God **LOVES** you and offers a wonderful **PLAN** for your life. (John 3:16; John 10:10]

Man is **SINFUL** and **SEPARATED** from God.

Therefore, he cannot know and
experience God's love and plan for his life. We must ask
God to forgive our sins

and turn away from them (repentance). (Romans 3:23;
6:23,1 John 1:9)

Jesus Christ is God's **ONLY** provision for man's sin.
Through Him you can know and experience God's love
and plan for your life. (Romans 5:8; John 14:6)

We must individually **RECEIVE** Jesus Christ as Savior
and Lord; then we can

know and experience God's love and plan for our lives.
(John 1:12, Ephesians

2:8-9; John 3:1-8, Revelation 3:20)

You can receive Christ right now by faith. God knows
your heart and is not so

concerned with your words as He is with the attitude of
your heart. If this is

the desire of your heart, we invite you to pray right now
and ask Christ to

come into your life.

Want to grow as a Christian?

Read your Bible, pray every day.

Find a good Bible believing church and go to it.

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