

[John 8:32/John 14:6/Matthew 1:21]

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man comes to the Father, but by Me. And she shall bring forth a Son, and thou shalt call His name Jesus: for He shall save His people from their sins.

“Christology”

Note: the “truth” (ten alethenian) in the **N.T.** is primarily God’s revelation of Himself in Jesus Christ. Jesus was and is “full of grace and truth” (**John 1:14**). “Grace and truth came by Jesus Christ” (**John 1:17**). He is the way, the truth, the life (**John 14:6**). The gospel is the word of truth (**Colossians 1:5; II Thessalonians 2:13**). [**Romans 1:23**] speaks of those who exchanged “the truth of God for a lie” (Gree- *toi pseude*) includes the definite article. The “lie” is the word of Satan, the father of lies (**John 8:44**): “ye shall be as gods” (**Gensis 3:5**) to believe the lie is to reject the “truth of God” and participate in idolatry. The truth sets us free; the lie brings us into the slavery of deception. The truth is redemptive; the lie is destructive. We are called to love Jesus and His Word and thereby know the truth that sets us free.

[Christology]: The doctrine of Jesus Christ or the study of Jesus Christ in Scripture includes the past, the present, and the future of Christ in the Bible.

Old Testament

[Discussion 1]: First mention of Christ (Gensis 3:15): *And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise His heel.*

Note: this verse contains the first implicit promise of God’s plan of redemption for the world. It predicts the ultimate victory of humankind and God over satan and evil by prophesying of a spiritual conflict between the “seed” of the woman (i.e., the Lord Jesus Christ) and the “seed” of the serpent (i.e., satan and his followers). God promised here that Christ would be born of a woman (**Isaiah 7:14**) and would be “bruised” through His crucifixion. Yet, He would be raised from the dead to completely destroy (i.e., “bruise”) satan, sin and death for the sake of the salvation of the human race (**Isaiah 53:5; Matthew 1:20-23; John 12:31; Acts 26:18; Romans 5:18-19; John 3:8; Revelation 20:10**).

[Discussion 2]: Christ in the Exodus (Exodus 13:21-22/Exodus 14:13-20): *And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light; to go by day and night. He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people.*

[Discussion 3]: Christ Jesus the Messiah (Isaiah 52:13-14): *Behold, my servant shall deal prudently, He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high. As many were astonished at*

thee; His visage was so marred more than any man, and His form more than the sons of men. Also (vs.15)

New Testament

[Discussion 4]: Christ sought by Herod (Matthew 2:4): *and when he had gathered all of the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.*

[Discussion 5]: Jesus reveals Himself to the Woman (John 4: 25-26): *The woman said unto Him, I know that the Messiah cometh, which is called Christ: when He is come, He will tell us all things. Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am He.*

[Discussion 6]: Christ the Rock of Ages (I Corinthians 10:4): *And all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of the spiritual rock that followed them: and Rock was Christ.*

Final Thought: *I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty [Revelation 1:8]*