

**Slide: A Bible Overview- Session 10- Jesus' Final Week**

**Summary Slide: Jesus is Both God & Man**

As God, Jesus:

- Fulfilled prophecy in scripture
- Heard God the Father and the Holy Spirit testify about Him at His baptism
- Claimed to be God
- Demonstrated He was God by:
  - Physical healings
  - Power over nature
  - Multiplied food
  - Raised people from the dead
  - Authority over spirit world

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As man, Jesus:

- In biological lineage of David
- Had a human mother (Mary)
- Had physical needs
- Was tempted by Satan and had to resist
- Chose to fulfill the law

**Summary Slide: Jesus Taught:**

- God is Spirit, and His worshipers must worship in Spirit and in Truth
- People must have a spiritual birth to enter the Kingdom of God
- Jesus gives the gift of living water which springs up to eternal life
- The Lord looks at the **heart**
- Whoever hears Jesus' word and believes the Father who sent Him has eternal life and will not be **judged**. They have then crossed over from death to life. (**grace**)

**Start Video SR-10A- Jesus' Final Week**

Welcome to A Bible OverView Session 10 called: Jesus' Final Week

Jesus' final week on earth covers one-fifth of the Gospel material. It was the time of the festival of Passover, the annual holiday when Jews honored the night God "passed over" the homes of the Israelites. We will draw from the four Gospels- Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John- to put the account of Jesus' week together chronologically.

Jesus is at the end of his 3-year ministry and knew He would be crucified. He prophesied in **Mark 10:33,34-**

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*33 "We are going up to Jerusalem," he said, "and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles, 34 who will mock him and spit on him, flog him and kill him. Three days later he will rise."*

This is how His final week began: **Matthew 21:1-11 tells us,**

*As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. 3 If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."*

*4 This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:*

*5 "Say to Daughter Zion,  
'See, your king comes to you,  
gentle and riding on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"*

*6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. 8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,*

*"Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!"*

*10 When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?"  
11 The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."*

- Today, Christians call this "Palm Sunday" because on this Sunday people waved palm branches.

**Luke 19:41-44 provides this detail-**

*As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it 42 and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. 43 The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. 44 They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you."*

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- Jesus' humanity is seen as He wept over Jerusalem. He wept because the people **didn't have faith** in Him as their long-awaited **Redeemer**. He knew, in the **sovereignty of God**, that unnecessary **judgment** would come and the Temple destroyed.
  - Historically, in 70 AD, the Roman Emperor did destroy Jerusalem and the Temple.
  - Today, we see Jewish people crying at the Wailing Wall because it's the only structure left of the second temple.

**Next, Matthew 26:14-16 records-**

*14 Then one of the Twelve—the one called Judas Iscariot—went to the chief priests 15 and asked, “What are you willing to give me if I deliver him over to you?” So they counted out for him thirty pieces of silver. 16 From then on Judas watched for an opportunity to hand him over.*

When Thursday night arrived, it was time to eat the Passover meal. Because it was the last supper Jesus had with his disciples it became known as "The Last Supper." **Mark 14:12-31 relates-**

*12 On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples asked him, “Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the Passover?”*

*13 So he sent two of his disciples, telling them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. 14 Say to the owner of the house he enters, ‘The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ 15 He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.”*

*16 The disciples left, went into the city and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.*

*17 When evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. 18 While they were reclining at the table eating, he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me—one who is eating with me.”*

*19 They were saddened, and one by one they said to him, “Surely you don't mean me?”*

*20 “It is one of the Twelve,” he replied, “one who dips bread into the bowl with me. 21 The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born.”*

*22 While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take it; this is my body.”*

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*23 Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it.*

*24 "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many," he said to them. 25 "Truly I tell you, I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."*

*26 When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.*

*27 "You will all fall away," Jesus told them, "for it is written:*

*"I will strike the shepherd,  
and the sheep will be scattered."*

*28 But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee."*

*29 Peter declared, "Even if all fall away, I will not."*

*30 "Truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "today—yes, tonight—before the rooster crows twice you yourself will disown me three times."*

*31 But Peter insisted emphatically, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the others said the same.*

- When Jesus broke the bread and poured the wine to share with his disciples, this was important symbolism of how He would soon give His body as the atonement sacrifice once and for all.

**Luke 22:19-20 says of this ceremony-**

*19 And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." 20 In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.*

- Within these accounts, are the themes **remember, covenant, and blood sacrifice**. From the beginning of the Christian church, Christians have celebrated this new covenant in what is called "Communion." This **new covenant** means people can have a personal **relationship with God** because Jesus became our **Redeemer**. Redeem means to "buy back" and Jesus bought us back through His **blood sacrifice**.

This new covenant was prophesied by Jeremiah 600 years before Christ was born in **Jeremiah 31:33-**

*33 "This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time," declares the LORD.*

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*"I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.*

**End video SR-10A - Jesus' Final Week (8:27)** (info above: Palm Sunday, wept over Jerusalem, Passover & New Covenant)

**Slide: Jesus' Mission**

Jesus: <sup>33</sup>*"We are going up to Jerusalem," he said, "and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles, <sup>34</sup> who will mock him and spit on him, flog him and kill him. Three days later he will rise."* Mark 10:33-34

- What does this say about Jesus' mission?
  - He was determined to go to Jerusalem to be delivered over to the chief priests and be condemned to death, be mocked, spit on, flogged and killed.
  - He knew He would then rise from the dead.
- What do the disciples understand about His mission?
  - They don't understand it even though Jesus told them three times.

**Slide: Jesus' Prophecy**

<sup>41</sup>*As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it <sup>42</sup> and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes.*

<sup>43</sup>*The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side.*

<sup>44</sup>*They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you."* Luke 19:41-44

- What does this passage tell us about why Jesus wept?
  - Because the people didn't recognize Him and avail themselves of His peace, they will be brutally subjugated by their enemies. This will historically happen in 70AD when Rome destroys Jerusalem and the Temple.

**Slide: New Covenant**

<sup>19</sup>*And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."* <sup>20</sup>*In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."* Luke 22:19-20

Old **covenant** required repeated daily sacrifice of animals as a reminder of the people's sins.

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- How is the new **covenant** different from the old **covenant**?
  - Jesus' blood would provide for the forgiveness of sins once and for all time.
  - People could now receive salvation as a free gift of **grace** if they exercise **faith** in Christ, the One who fulfilled the Law on our behalf and brought an end to the Law's sacrifices through His own sacrificial death.
  - Believers would be given a new **heart** and the Holy Spirit would indwell them.
- What is significant about Jesus using bread and wine in this meal?
  - They represented His body and **blood** that would be shed for our sins

**Start Video- SR-10B Garden of Gethsemane**

After this, Jesus left the group and took Peter, James and John with Him to the Garden of Gethsemane. **In Luke 22:41-44 we read what happened there-**

*41 He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, 42 "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." 43 An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. 44 And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground. \**

- In Jesus' human nature, He dreaded what was going to happen. In Jesus' divine nature He understood He had come to fulfill Old Testament prophecies. Although the concept of Jesus being fully divine and fully human is hard to grasp, it helps us understand why Jesus would pray to His Father.
- Despite His great torment, Jesus prayed, "...yet not my will, but yours be done."
- This shows Jesus was totally dedicated to be **obedient** to the will of God. He was willing to suffer something very, very, difficult for the sake of others. This is God's **grace**.

**Mark 14:43 through chapter 15:20 recounts what happened next- \*\***

*43 And immediately, even as Jesus said this, Judas, one of the twelve disciples, arrived with a crowd of men armed with swords and clubs. They had been sent by the leading priests, the teachers of religious law, and the elders. 44 The traitor, Judas, had given them a prearranged signal: "You will know which one to arrest when I greet him with a kiss. Then you can take him away under guard." 45 As soon as they arrived, Judas walked up to Jesus. "Rabbi!" he exclaimed, and gave him the kiss.*

*46 Then the others grabbed Jesus and arrested him. 47 But one of the men with Jesus pulled out his sword and struck the high priest's slave, slashing off his ear.*

*48 Jesus asked them, "Am I some dangerous revolutionary, that you come with swords and clubs to arrest me? 49 Why didn't you arrest me in the Temple? I was there among*

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*you teaching every day. But these things are happening to fulfill what the Scriptures say about me.”*

*50 Then all his disciples deserted him and ran away. 51 One young man following behind was clothed only in a long linen shirt. When the mob tried to grab him, 52 he slipped out of his shirt and ran away naked.*

*53 They took Jesus to the high priest's home where the leading priests, the elders, and the teachers of religious law had gathered. 54 Meanwhile, Peter followed him at a distance and went right into the high priest's courtyard. There he sat with the guards, warming himself by the fire.*

*55 Inside, the leading priests and the entire high council were trying to find evidence against Jesus, so they could put him to death. But they couldn't find any. 56 Many false witnesses spoke against him, but they contradicted each other. 57 Finally, some men stood up and gave this false testimony: 58 “We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this Temple made with human hands, and in three days I will build another, made without human hands.’” 59 But even then they didn't get their stories straight!*

*60 Then the high priest stood up before the others and asked Jesus, “Well, aren't you going to answer these charges? What do you have to say for yourself?” 61 But Jesus was silent and made no reply. Then the high priest asked him, “Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?”*

*62 Jesus said, “I AM. And you will see the Son of Man seated in the place of power at God's right hand and coming on the clouds of heaven.”*

*63 Then the high priest tore his clothing to show his horror and said, “Why do we need other witnesses? 64 You have all heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?”*

*“Guilty!” they all cried. “He deserves to die!”*

*65 Then some of them began to spit at him, and they blindfolded him and beat him with their fists. “Prophecy to us,” they jeered. And the guards slapped him as they took him away.*

*66 Meanwhile, Peter was in the courtyard below. One of the servant girls who worked for the high priest came by 67 and noticed Peter warming himself at the fire. She looked at him closely and said, “You were one of those with Jesus of Nazareth.”*

*68 But Peter denied it. “I don't know what you're talking about,” he said, and he went out into the entryway. Just then, a rooster crowed.*

*69 When the servant girl saw him standing there, she began telling the others, “This man is definitely one of them!” 70 But Peter denied it again.*

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*A little later some of the other bystanders confronted Peter and said, "You must be one of them, because you are a Galilean."*

*71 Peter swore, "A curse on me if I'm lying—I don't know this man you're talking about!" 72 And immediately the rooster crowed the second time.*

*Suddenly, Jesus' words flashed through Peter's mind: "Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny three times that you even know me." And he broke down and wept.*

**15** *Very early in the morning the leading priests, the elders, and the teachers of religious law—the entire high council—met to discuss their next step. They bound Jesus, led him away, and took him to Pilate, the Roman governor.*

*2 Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the king of the Jews?"*

*Jesus replied, "You have said it."*

*3 Then the leading priests kept accusing him of many crimes, 4 and Pilate asked him, "Aren't you going to answer them? What about all these charges they are bringing against you?" 5 But Jesus said nothing, much to Pilate's surprise.*

*6 Now it was the governor's custom each year during the Passover celebration to release one prisoner—anyone the people requested. 7 One of the prisoners at that time was Barabbas, a revolutionary who had committed murder in an uprising. 8 The crowd went to Pilate and asked him to release a prisoner as usual.*

*9 "Would you like me to release to you this 'King of the Jews'?" Pilate asked. 10 (For he realized by now that the leading priests had arrested Jesus out of envy.) 11 But at this point the leading priests stirred up the crowd to demand the release of Barabbas instead of Jesus. 12 Pilate asked them, "Then what should I do with this man you call the king of the Jews?"*

*13 They shouted back, "Crucify him!"*

*14 "Why?" Pilate demanded. "What crime has he committed?"*

*But the mob roared even louder, "Crucify him!"*

*15 So to pacify the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He ordered Jesus flogged with a lead-tipped whip, then turned him over to the Roman soldiers to be crucified.*

*16 The soldiers took Jesus into the courtyard of the governor's headquarters (called the Praetorium) and called out the entire regiment. 17 They dressed him in a purple robe, and they wove thorn branches into a crown and put it on his head. 18 Then they saluted him and taunted, "Hail! King of the Jews!" 19 And they struck him on the head with a*



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*reed stick, spit on him, and dropped to their knees in mock worship. 20 When they were finally tired of mocking him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him again. Then they led him away to be crucified.*

- Note, in **verse 62**, when Jesus was asked if He was the Messiah, He said, "I AM". By using God's name Jesus was, again, claiming to be divine.

When the disciples realized Jesus would be killed, they were confused, disappointed, scared, and hopeless. They all ran away, as Jesus had predicted, and hid. Although Jesus had told them repeatedly that He was going to die and rise again, they didn't understand His predictions.

**Matthew 27:24 adds this information about Pilate-**

*24 When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. "I am innocent of this man's blood," he said. "It is your responsibility!"*

**End Video SR-10B- Garden of Gethsemane** (Info above: Garden of Gethsemane, Arrest and trials)

**Slide: In the Garden of Gethsemane**

*Jesus: 42 "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." 43 An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. 44 And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground. Luke 22:42-44*

- What do these passages tell us about the humanity of Jesus?
  - He suffered the emotions of a person dreading the pain and agony and rejection ahead of Him (which would include being separated from His Father for the first time when our sins were put upon Him)
  - He needed to pray to His Father because He was still in His humanity.
  - He needed the help of God to give him strength to go on.
- What is significant about Jesus saying "...yet not my will, but yours be done."?
  - He was determined to be **obedient** to His mission
  - He was submissive to His Father's will over His own.

**Slide: In the Garden of Gethsemane**

*Jesus: "But these things are happening to fulfill what the Scriptures say about me." Mark 14.49*

- From what you have learned, what is the significance of this statement?

**Slide: Before the High Priest**

*61...Then the high priest asked him, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?"  
62 Jesus said, "I Am. And you will see the Son of Man seated in the place of power at God's right hand and coming on the clouds of heaven." Mark 14:61-62*

- What does this passage tell us about Jesus?
  - He is connecting Himself to the "I AM" who is God.
  - He knows what His future will be
  - He will come again

**Start Video SR-10C- Crucifixion**

Then Jesus was led out to be crucified. In **Matthew 27:32-46**, he relates-

*32 As they were going out, they met a man from Cyrene, named Simon, and they forced him to carry the cross. 33 They came to a place called Golgotha (which means "the place of the skull"). 34 There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it. 35 When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots. 36 And sitting down, they kept watch over him there. 37 Above his head they placed the written charge against him: THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS.*

*38 Two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. 39 Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads 40 and saying, "You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!" 41 In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. 42 "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! He's the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. 43 He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" 44 In the same way the rebels who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him.*

*45 From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. 46 About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?").*

- When Jesus cried out "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?," it was when our sins were put upon Him and He was, for the first time, separated from the Father. This separation was what He dreaded most when He prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane.

The cross is central to Christianity. Because we needed a way back to God, Jesus took the **judgment** that should have been ours. His death made it possible for people to have a **relationship with God**.

- Christians call this day "Good Friday" because it is good for us.
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One thousand years before Jesus was born, King David wrote **Psalm 22**. Crucifixion would not have been known to him. Yet, he prophetically described some of Jesus' crucifixion when he wrote:

*14 I am poured out like water,  
and all my bones are out of joint.  
My heart has turned to wax;  
it has melted within me.  
15 My mouth is dried up like a potsherd,  
and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;  
you lay me in the dust of death.  
16 Dogs surround me,  
a pack of villains encircles me;  
they pierce my hands and my feet.  
17 All my bones are on display;  
people stare and gloat over me.  
18 They divide my clothes among them  
and cast lots for my garment. (Ps. 22:14-18)*

Let's read from two other New Testament books which add insight into what happened at the crucifixion.

**Hebrews 2:14-15 says- \*\***

*14 Because God's children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death. 15 Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying.*

**2 Corinthians 5:21 says- \*\***

*21 For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.*

- Themes we see in these verses are: **sovereign God, blood sacrifice, Redeemer, grace,** and **relationship with God.**

**End SR-10C- Crucifixion (21::39).** (info above: crucifixion, "My God, my God...", Psalm 22, Heb. 2:14-15, 2 Cor. 5:21)

**Slide: Mission Complete**

*About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?").  
Matthew 27:46*

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*For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ. 2 Corinthians 5:21*

- What do these passages tell us about Jesus' **relationship** with His Father?
  - It was agony to have feelings of abandonment in not feeling God's presence for the first time.
  - The Father was "My God" – In His humanity He needed Him and He was Jesus' personal God.
- What does this passage tell us about Jesus' mission?
  - He was fulfilling God's plan to be the offering for our sin so we could have a **relationship with God** again

### **Start Video SR-10D- Jesus' Death**

After three hours of hanging on the cross, Jesus died at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. At that time many Jews and their Jewish leaders would have been worshipping in the Temple. Thus, they witnessed what happened as Jesus died. **Matthew 27:50-51 reports-**

*50 And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. 51 At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom...*

- When you learned about the Tabernacle and Temple in the Old Testament, you learned how a curtain separated the Most Holy Place from the Holy Place.
- The curtain in the Temple in Jesus' time was 1 foot thick and 40 feet high.
- Let's think about the huge significance of the curtain being miraculously torn from top to bottom as soon as Jesus died.
  1. It symbolized free access to God.
  2. No longer did people have to approach God through priests and flawless animal sacrifices to achieve forgiveness for their sins.
- **Let's read an explanation from Hebrews 10:4-14-**

*4 It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. 5 Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said:*

*"Sacrifice and offering you did not desire,  
but a body you prepared for me;  
6 with burnt offerings and sin offerings  
you were not pleased.*

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*7 Then I said, 'Here I am—it is written about me in the scroll—  
I have come to do your will, my God.'"*

*8 First he said, "Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them"—though they were offered in accordance with the law.*

*9 Then he said, "Here I am, I have come to do your will." He sets aside the first to establish the second. 10 And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.*

*11 Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. 12 But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, 13 and since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool. 14 For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.*

**End Video SR-10D- Jesus' Death** (info above: Jesus dies, curtain torn, Heb. 10:4-14)

**Slide: Curtain Torn**

*50 And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. 51 At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom... Matthew 27:50-51*

- What does this passage tell us about the **relationship between God and people**?
  - The barrier is gone from before: the way to the Father is open and clear through Jesus' sacrifice. No longer is an intermediary necessary.

**Start Video- SR-10E- Jesus' Burial**

Now let's read what happened to Jesus' body in **Matthew 27:57-60-**

*57 As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. 58 Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him. 59 Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, 60 and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away.*

This was predicted 750 years before Jesus was born by the prophet Isaiah. Listen to his amazing description of details surrounding the crucifixion.

**Isaiah 53:3-12-**

**End Video- SR-10E- Jesus' Burial** (Info above: Jesus' burial)

**Slide: 1 What are significant prophetic details from Isaiah 53?**

*3 He was despised and rejected by mankind,  
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.  
Like one from whom people hide their faces  
he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.*

**Slide: 2 What are significant prophetic details from Isaiah 53?**

*4 Surely he took up our pain  
and bore our suffering,  
yet we considered him punished by God,  
stricken by him, and afflicted.  
5 But he was pierced for our transgressions,  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,  
and by his wounds we are healed.*

**Slide: 3 What are significant prophetic details from Isaiah 53?**

*6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray,  
each of us has turned to our own way;  
and the LORD has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.*

**Slide: 4 What are significant prophetic details from Isaiah 53?**

*7 He was oppressed and afflicted,  
yet he did not open his mouth;  
he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,  
and as a sheep before its shearers is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.*

**Slide: 5 What are significant prophetic details from Isaiah 53?**

*8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away.  
Yet who of his generation protested?  
For he was cut off from the land of the living;  
for the transgression of my people he was punished.*

**Slide: 6 What are significant prophetic details from Isaiah 53?**

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*9 He was assigned a grave with the wicked,  
and with the rich in his death,  
though he had done no violence,  
nor was any deceit in his mouth.*

*10 Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer,  
and though the LORD makes his life an offering for sin,  
he will see his offspring and prolong his days,  
and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.*

**Slide: 7 What are significant prophetic details from Isaiah 53?**

*11 After he has suffered,  
he will see the light of life and be satisfied;  
by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many,  
and he will bear their iniquities.*

*12 Therefore I will give him a portion among the great,  
and he will divide the spoils with the strong,  
because he poured out his life unto death,  
and was numbered with the transgressors.  
For he bore the sin of many,  
and made intercession for the transgressors.*

**Start Video SR-10F- Jesus' Resurrection**

Now, we come to the most central fact of Christianity: the resurrection. The account in **Luke 24:1-49** reads like this-

*24 On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. 2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. 5 In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? 6 He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 7 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' " 8 Then they remembered his words.*

*9 When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. 10 It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. 11 But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. 12 Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.*

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*13 Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. 14 They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. 15 As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; 16 but they were kept from recognizing him.*

*17 He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"*

*They stood still, their faces downcast. 18 One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"*

*19 "What things?" he asked.*

*"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. 20 The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; 21 but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. 22 In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning 23 but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. 24 Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."*

*25 He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.*

*28 As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. 29 But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. 30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight.*

*32 They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"*

**End Video SR-10E- Jesus' Resurrection**

**Slide: Resurrection**

*Angels: 5 "...Why do you look for the living among the dead? 6 He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 7 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' "* Luke 24:5-7



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- What does this passage tell us about Jesus?
  - He rose from the dead!
  - He'd told them He'd die and rise again
  - He is the Son of Man

**Slide: Redemption Story**

Jesus: <sup>25</sup>*“How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup>Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?”*  
<sup>27</sup>*And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.* Luke 24:25-27

- What do you find significant about Jesus' statements?
  - He is the fulfillment of the many Old Testament prophecies: He is the promised Messiah

**Start Video SR-10G- Jesus Is Alive**

<sup>33</sup> *They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together <sup>34</sup>and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.”*

<sup>35</sup> *Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread. <sup>36</sup>While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”*

<sup>37</sup> *They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.”*

<sup>40</sup> *When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. <sup>41</sup>And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate it in their presence.*

<sup>44</sup> *He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”*

<sup>45</sup> *Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup>He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day,<sup>47</sup> and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”*

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- Note, three times Jesus mentioned they should **remember** that He fulfilled prophecies written about Him "*...in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.*"
- Note, it was when they ate together and Jesus broke the bread, that they recognized Him and realized He had risen from the dead.
- Also note, Jesus' resurrected body could appear and disappear, and that He ate food.
- Lastly, note Jesus wanted the message of repentance and forgiveness taken to all the nations.

The resurrection is key to the Christian faith and makes it unique since He is the only religious leader who claimed to be God and proved it by rising from the dead. Only Jesus' grave is empty!

When we think back to Genesis 3:15 and that first prophecy of a coming Redeemer, we start to understand how Jesus would "*crush*" Satan's head by having victory over death and judgment.

Next, Jesus appeared to many people for 40 days proving He was alive.

**Let's read Mathew 28:18-20, which are Jesus' last words-**

*18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

- Note, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are mentioned in the singular "name of..." This indicates the three in one nature of God
- Note, when Jesus told them to "*...go make disciples of all nations...*," He was referring to the blessing in the Abrahamic **Covenant**.

**Finally, we read this in Acts 1:9-11-**

*9 After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. 10 They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. 11 "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."*

- Note: Jesus is coming again. This is called the Second Coming.
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**End Video SR-10G- Jesus Is Alive**

**Slide: Resurrected Jesus**

Location - Disciples and others in Jerusalem:

*While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." Luke 24:36*

*Jesus: <sup>38</sup>"...Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have. Luke 24:38-39*

*<sup>41</sup>"...Do you have anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate it in their presence. Luke 24:41-43*

- What do these passages tell us about Jesus?
  - His resurrected body was visible, touchable, provable of who He was, and He could eat.

**Slide: Scripture Fulfilled**

Location: Disciples and others in Jerusalem continued:

*Jesus: "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." Luke 24:44*

- What do you find significant about Jesus' words?
  - He's reminding them again He is the fulfillment of all the Messianic prophecies.

**Slide: Great Commission**

*Jesus: <sup>18</sup>"...All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20*

- What does this passage tell us about God?
  - He is the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
  - He is including all nations in His offer of salvation, just as He told Abraham in Genesis 12:3 that through the Jews all nations would be blessed
  - He's specific in His command
  - He is always with us
- What do you find significant in this passage?
  - We are to **obey** God's commands

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- We are to go tell others about Jesus and baptize those who have faith in the name of the Trinity

**Start Video SR-10H- Summary & Conclusion**

In these past sessions taken from the four Gospels, we've learned who Jesus is and that He is the most unique person that has ever lived. His birth, life, death, and resurrection all show that Jesus is who He claimed to be: the promised Redeemer.

In our next session, we will study the book of Acts which records the birth and growth of the Christian church. We'll meet a man named Paul who ended up writing many of the New Testament letters. His opening words in the book of Romans summarize our past sessions.

**Romans 1:1-4-**

*1 Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God— 2 the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures 3 regarding his Son, who as to his earthly life was a descendant of David, 4 and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.*

See you in session eleven!

**End Video SR-10H- Summary & Conclusion (info above: resurrection, road to Emmaus, Jesus appears, great commission, ascension)**

**Slide: A Bible Overview**

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