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Jesus Christ is the central figure in Christianity and the decisive distinction between it and all other world religions. Christians confess that He is both fully God and fully man, the eternal Creator who entered His creation to redeem it, and the risen Lord who reigns today. According to the Bible, He came into the world at the appointed time (Galatians 4:4–5), lived a sinless life, taught with divine authority, died on the cross to bear the sins of humanity, and rose from the dead, offering salvation to all who believe in Him (John 3:16plugin-autotooltip_default plugin-autotooltip_bigJohn 3:16

Greek οὕτως γὰρ ἠγάπησεν ὁ θεὸς τὸν κόσμον, ὥστε τὸν υἱὸν τὸν μονογενῆ ἔδωκεν, ἵνα πᾶς ὁ πιστεύων εἰς αὐτὸν μὴ ἀπόληται ἀλλ' ἔχη ζωὴν αἰώνιον. ESV For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. NIV "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life...; Acts 4:12 plugin-autotooltip_default plugin-autotooltip_bigActs 4:12

Greek καὶ οὐκ ἔστιν ἐν ἄλλῳ οὐδενὶ ἡ σωτηρία, οὐδὲ γὰρ ὄνομά ἐστιν ἕτερον ὑπὸ τὸν οὐρανὸν τὸ δεδομένον ἐν ἀνθρώποις ἐν ῷ δεῖ σωθῆναι ἡμᾶς. ESV And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." NIV Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved...).

Name

See also: Titles of Jesus

The name Jesus is the English form of the Greek lesous, itself a translation of the Hebrew Yeshua (or Joshua), meaning "Yahweh is salvation" (Matthew 1:21plugin-autotooltip_default plugin-autotooltip_bigMatthew 1:21

Greek τέξεται δὲ υἱὸν καὶ καλέσεις τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ Ἰησοῦν, αὐτὸς γὰρ σώσει τὸν λαὸν αὐτοῦ ἀπὸ τῶν ἁμαρτιῶν αὐτῶν. ESV She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." NIV She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.).

The title Christ is derived from the Greek Christosplugin-autotooltip_default plugin-autotooltip big $X\rho\iota\sigma\tau\delta\varsigma$

Christ means "anointed one"

The equivalent Hebrew word is Messiah (מֵשִּׁיתַ)

Messiah means "anointed one"

The Greek word is Christ (Χριστός)

Masculine, noun (Messiah). It is a title, not a surname, and signifies His divine appointment as Prophet, Priest, and King. Other biblical titles of Jesus include "Son of God" (John 1:49plugin-autotooltip_default plugin-autotooltip_bigJohn 1:49

Greek λέγει αὐτῷ Ναθαναήλ· πόθεν με γινώσκεις; ἀπεκρίθη Ἰησοῦς καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· πρὸ τοῦ σε Φίλιππον φωνῆσαι ὄντα ὑπὸ τὴν συκῆν εἶδόν σε. ESV Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" NIV Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel." NLT Then Nathanael exclaimed,), "Son of Man" (Mark 10:45 pluginautotooltip default plugin-autotooltip bigMark 10:45

Greek καὶ γὰρ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου οὐκ ἦλθεν διακονηθῆναι ἀλλὰ διακονῆσαι καὶ δοῦναι τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ λύτρον ἀντὶ πολλῶν. ESV For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." NIV For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.), "Lamb of God" (John 1:29plugin-autotooltip_default plugin-autotooltip_bigJohn 1:29

Greek Τῆ ἐπαύριον βλέπει τὸν Ἰησοῦν ἐρχόμενον πρὸς αὐτόν, καὶ λέγει· ἴδε ὁ ἀμνὸς τοῦ θεοῦ ὁ αἴρων τὴν ἁμαρτίαν τοῦ κόσμου. ESV The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! NIV The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!), and "Son of David" (Matthew 1:1plugin-autotooltip default plugin-autotooltip bigMatthew 1:1

Greek Βίβλος γενέσεως Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ υἱοῦ Δαυεὶδ υἱοῦ Ἀβραάμ. ESV The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. NIV A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son of David, the son of Abraham: NLT This is a record of the ancestors of Jesus the Messiah, a descendant of David and of Abraham:), each carrying theological significance.

The Pre-Existence of Christ

The Bible affirms that Jesus did not come into existence at His birth, but existed eternally as God the Son (John 1:1–3; Colossians 1:16plugin-autotooltip default plugin-autotooltip bigColossians 1:16

Greek ὅτι ἐν αὐτῷ ἐκτίσθη τὰ πάντα ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς καὶ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, τὰ ὁρατὰ καὶ τὰ ἀόρατα, εἴτε θρόνοι εἴτε κυριότητες εἴτε ἀρχαὶ εἴτε ἐξουσίαι· τὰ πάντα δι' αὐτοῦ καὶ εἰς αὐτὸν ἔκτισται, ESV For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities- all things were created through him and for him....-17plugin-autotooltip_default plugin-autotooltip_bigColossians 1:17

Greek καὶ αὐτός ἐστιν πρὸ πάντων καὶ τὰ πάντα ἐν αὐτῷ συνέστηκεν. ESV And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. NIV He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. NLT He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together.). He shared in the glory of the Father before the world began (John 17:5plugin-autotooltip default plugin-autotooltip bigJohn 17:5

Greek καὶ νῦν δόξασόν με σύ, πάτερ, παρὰ σεαυτῷ τῆ δόξη ἡ εἶχον πρὸ τοῦ τὸν κόσμον εἶναι παρὰ σοί. ESV And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before

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the world existed. NIV And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.) and participated in creation itself. This eternal pre-existence indicates His divine nature and authority, making His incarnation a profound act of humility and grace (Philippians 2:5–7).

Nature of Christ

See also: Nature of Christ

The doctrine known as the hypostatic union teaches that Jesus Christ is one person with two natures: fully divine and fully human. Scripture affirms His deity (John 1:1plugin-autotooltip_default plugin-autotooltip_bigJohn 1:1

Greek Ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν ὁ λόγος, καὶ ὁ λόγος ἦν πρὸς τὸν θεόν, καὶ θεὸς ἦν ὁ λόγος. ESV In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. NIV In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. NLT In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. and Titus 2:13plugin-autotooltip_default plugin-autotooltip_bigTitus 2:13

Greek προσδεχόμενοι τὴν μακαρίαν ἐλπίδα καὶ ἐπιφάνειαν τῆς δόξης τοῦ μεγάλου θεοῦ καὶ σωτῆρος ἡμῶν Χριστοῦ Ἰησοῦ, ESV waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, NIV while we wait for the blessed hope--the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,) and His humanity (Hebrews 2:14plugin-autotooltip_default plugin-autotooltip bigHebrews 2:14

Greek ἐπεὶ οὖν τὰ παιδία κεκοινώνηκεν αἴματος καὶ σαρκός, καὶ αὐτὸς παραπλησίως μετέσχεν τῶν αὐτῶν, ἵνα διὰ τοῦ θανάτου καταργήση τὸν τὸ κράτος ἔχοντα τοῦ θανάτου, τοῦτ' ἔστιν τὸν διάβολον, ESV Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil,... and 1 Timothy 2:5 plugin-autotooltip_default plugin-autotooltip_big1 Timothy 2:5

Greek εἶς γὰρ θεός, εἶς καὶ μεσίτης θεοῦ καὶ ἀνθρώπων, ἄνθρωπος Χριστὸς Ἰησοῦς, ESV For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, NIV For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, NLT For there is only one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and humanity). While human minds cannot fully grasp the mystery, the testimony of the Bible compels Christians to affirm that in Christ "all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell" (Colossians 1:19 plugin-autotooltip_default plugin-autotooltip_bigColossians 1:19

Greek ὅτι ἐν αὐτῷ εὐδόκησεν πᾶν τὸ πλήρωμα κατοικῆσαι ESV For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, NIV For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, NLT For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ, KJV For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;), even as He experienced human weakness and temptation, yet without sin (Hebrews 4:15plugin-autotooltip_default plugin-autotooltip_bigHebrews 4:15

Greek οὐ γὰρ ἔχομεν ἀρχιερέα μὴ δυνάμενον συνπαθῆσαι ταῖς ἀσθενείαις ἡμῶν, πεπειρασμένον δὲ κατὰ πάντα καθ' ὁμοιότητα χωρὶς ἁμαρτίας. ESV For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. NIV For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are...).

Historical Evidence of Jesus

Beyond the New Testament, multiple historical sources reference Jesus. Roman historians such as Tacitus and Jewish historians such as Josephus mention His existence, ministry, and crucifixion. The rapid growth of the early Christian movement, despite persecution, testifies to the conviction of His earliest followers that He truly died and rose again. The historical reliability of the Gospels, combined with extra-biblical references, make the existence of Jesus one of the better attested facts of ancient history.

Birth of Jesus

See also: Birth of Jesus

Jesus was born in Bethlehem (Luke 2:4–7), likely around 4–6 BC. His mother Mary was a virgin, and His conception was by the Holy Spirit (Matthew 1:18–23 and Luke 1:26–35), fulfilling Isaiah 7:14plugin-autotooltip default plugin-autotooltip biglsaiah 7:14

Hebrew לֶבֶן יִּתֵּׁן אֲדֹנֵי הָוֹא לָכֶם אֲוֹת הִנָּה הָעַלְמָה הָרָה וְיֹלֶדֶת בֵּּן וְקָרֶאת שְׁמְוֹ עִמְּנוּ אֵל ESV Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. NIV Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

διὰτοῦτοδώσεικύριοςαὐτὸςὑμῖνσημεῖονἰδοὺἡπαρθένοςἐνγαστρὶἕξεικαὶτέξεταιυἱόνκαὶκαλέ.... His earthly father, Joseph, was a carpenter from Nazareth in Galilee. Although the exact date of His birth is unknown, it is traditionally celebrate at Christmas. The nativity events, including the visit of the shepherds and the Magi, demonstrate that His coming was for both the humble and the nations.

Teachings of Jesus

Jesus was a remarkable teacher. He taught with divine authority, not merely as a commentator on God's law but as the One who could declare, "You have heard that it was said... but I say to you" (Matthew 5:21plugin-autotooltip default plugin-autotooltip bigMatthew 5:21

Greek Ἡκούσατε ὅτι ἐρρέθη τοῖς ἀρχαίοις, οὐ φονεύσεις· ὃς δ' ἂν φονεύση, ἔνοχος ἔσται τῆ κρίσει. ESV "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' NIV "You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.'–22plugin-autotooltip_default plugin-autotooltip_bigMatthew 5:22

Greek ἐγὼ δὲ λέγω ὑμῖν ὅτι πᾶς ὁ ὀργιζόμενος τῷ ἀδελφῷ αὐτοῦ ἔνοχος ἔσται τῇ κρίσει· ὃς δ' ἂν εἴπῃ τῷ ἀδελφῷ αὐτοῦ, ῥακά, ἔνοχος ἔσται τῷ συνεδρίῳ· ὃς δ' ἂν εἴπῃ, μωρέ, ἔνοχος ἔσται εἰς τὴν γέενναν τοῦ πυρός. ESV But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire....). His teachings, preserved in the Gospels, called people to repentance (Mark 1:15plugin-autotooltip_default plugin-autotooltip_bigMark 1:15

Greek ὅτι πεπλήρωται ὁ καιρὸς καὶ ἤγγικεν ἡ βασιλεία τοῦ θεοῦ· μετανοεῖτε καὶ πιστεύετε ἐν τῷ

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εὐαγγελίω. ESV and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." NIV "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!), love for God and neighbour (Matthew 22:37–39), and faith in Himself as the only way to the Father (John 14:6plugin-autotooltip_default plugin-autotooltip_bigJohn 14:6

Greek λέγει αὐτῷ Ἰησοῦς· ἐγώ εἰμι ἡ ὁδὸς καὶ ἡ ἀλήθεια καὶ ἡ ζωή· οὐδεὶς ἔρχεται πρὸς τὸν πατέρα εἰ μὴ δι' ἐμοῦ. ESV Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. NIV Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.). The Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5–7) is one of the most influential moral discourses in history.

Parables of Jesus

See also: Parables of Jesus

Parables were a hallmark of Jesus' teaching. These short, vivid stories illustrated spiritual truths, often using everyday images. Some conveyed clear moral lessons, such as the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25–37), which commands love for all. Others, like the Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13:1–23), reveal the varied responses to the gospel. Jesus sometimes used parables to veil truth from the hardhearted while revealing it to those with faith (Matthew 13:10–17).

Miracles of Jesus

See also: Miracles of Jesus

The Gospels record numerous miracles including healings, exorcisms, control over nature, and even raising the dead. These acts were not mere displays of power but were signs of the Kingdom of God breaking into the world (Luke 11:20plugin-autotooltip_default plugin-autotooltip_bigLuke 11:20

Greek εἰ δὲ ἐν δακτύλῳ θεοῦ ἐκβάλλω τὰ δαιμόνια, ἄρα ἔφθασεν ἐφ' ὑμᾶς ἡ βασιλεία τοῦ θεοῦ. ESV But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. NIV But if I drive out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come to you. NLT). They confirmed the divine identity of Jesus (John 20:30plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_biglohn 20:30

Greek Πολλὰ μὲν οὖν καὶ ἄλλα σημεῖα ἐποίησεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐνώπιον τῶν μαθητῶν, ἃ οὐκ ἔστιν γεγραμμένα ἐν τῷ βιβλίῳ τούτῳ· ESV Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; NIV Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book.–31 plugin-autotooltip_default plugin-autotooltip_bigJohn 20:31

Greek ταῦτα δὲ γέγραπται ἵνα πιστεύητε ὅτι Ἰησοῦς ἐστιν ὁ Χριστὸς ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ θεοῦ, καὶ ἵνα πιστεύοντες ζωὴν ἔχητε ἐν τῷ ὀνόματι αὐτοῦ. ESV but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. NIV But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name....) and expressed His compassion, as when He healed the leper (Mark 1:40-42) or fed the hungry (Matthew 14:13-21).

Death of Jesus

See also: Death of Jesus

Jesus was crucified on a cross in Jerusalem around AD 30 under the Roman governor Pontius Pilate. Though condemned by the Jewish leaders for blasphemy, Jesus willingly laid down His life (John 10:17–18) to bear the penalty of human sin (Isaiah 53:5–6; 2 Corinthians 5:21plugin-autotooltip default plugin-autotooltip big2 Corinthians 5:21

Greek τὸν μὴ γνόντα ἁμαρτίαν ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν ἁμαρτίαν ἐποίησεν, ἵνα ἡμεῖς γενώμεθα δικαιοσύνη θεοῦ ἐν αὐτῷ. ESV For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. NIV God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.). The cross is the central event of salvation history: through it, God's justice against sin and His mercy toward sinners meet.

Resurrection of Jesus

See also: Resurrection of Jesus

On the third day after His death, Jesus rose bodily from the grave, as He had foretold (Matthew 16:21plugin-autotooltip_default plugin-autotooltip_bigMatthew 16:21

Greek Ἀπὸ τότε ἤρξατο ὁ Ἰησοῦς δεικνύειν τοῖς μαθηταῖς αὐτοῦ ὅτι δεῖ αὐτὸν εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα ἀπελθεῖν καὶ πολλὰ παθεῖν ἀπὸ τῶν πρεσβυτέρων καὶ ἀρχιερέων καὶ γραμματέων καὶ ἀποκτανθῆναι καὶ τῆ τρίτη ἡμέρα ἐγερθῆναι. ESV From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.... and Luke 24:6plugin-autotooltip_default plugin-autotooltip_bigLuke 24:6

Greek οὐκ ἔστιν ὧδε, ἀλλὰ ἠγέρθη. μνήσθητε ὡς ἐλάλησεν ὑμῖν ἔτι ὢν ἐν τῇ Γαλιλαίᾳ, ESV He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, NIV He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: NLT He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Remember what he told you back in Galilee,-7plugin-autotooltip_default plugin-autotooltip bigLuke 24:7

Greek λέγων τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ὅτι δεῖ παραδοθῆναι εἰς χεῖρας ἀνθρώπων ἁμαρτωλῶν καὶ σταυρωθῆναι καὶ τῆ τρίτῃ ἡμέρᾳ ἀναστῆναι. ESV that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." NIV 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'...). His resurrection was witnessed by many, including the apostles, over a period of forty days (1 Corinthians 15:3–8; Acts 1:3plugin-autotooltip_default plugin-autotooltip_bigActs 1:3

Greek οἶς καὶ παρέστησεν ἑαυτὸν ζῶντα μετὰ τὸ παθεῖν αὐτὸν ἐν πολλοῖς τεκμηρίοις, δι' ἡμερῶν τεσσεράκοντα ὀπτανόμενος αὐτοῖς καὶ λέγων τὰ περὶ τῆς βασιλείας τοῦ θεοῦ. ESV To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. NIV After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about ...). This event vindicated His claims, demonstrated His victory over death, and guarantees the future resurrection of believers (1 Corinthians 15:20–22).

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Ascension and Present Ministry of Christ

See also: Resurrection of Jesus

Forty days after His resurrection, Jesus ascended into heaven (Acts 1:9–11), where He now reigns at the right hand of the Father (Hebrews 1:3plugin-autotooltip_default plugin-autotooltip_bigHebrews 1:3

Greek ὃς ὢν ἀπαύγασμα τῆς δόξης καὶ χαρακτὴρ τῆς ὑποστάσεως αὐτοῦ, φέρων τε τὰ πάντα τῷ ῥήματι τῆς δυνάμεως αὐτοῦ, καθαρισμὸν τῶν ἁμαρτιῶν ποιησάμενος ἐκάθισεν ἐν δεξιᾳ τῆς μεγαλωσύνης ἐν ὑψηλοῖς, ESV He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,...). He intercedes for His people (Romans 8:34plugin-autotooltip default plugin-autotooltip bigRomans 8:34

Greek τίς ὁ κατακρινῶν; Χριστὸς Ἰησοῦς ὁ ἀποθανών, μᾶλλον δὲ ἐγερθείς, ὃς ἐστιν ἐν δεξιᾳ τοῦ θεοῦ, ὃς καὶ ἐντυγχάνει ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν. ESV Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died- more than that, who was raised- who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. NIV Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died and Hebrews 7:25plugin-autotooltip_default plugin-autotooltip_bigHebrews 7:25

Greek ὅθεν καὶ σώζειν εἰς τὸ παντελὲς δύναται τοὺς προσερχομένους δι' αὐτοῦ τῷ θεῷ, πάντοτε ζῶν εἰς τὸ ἐντυγχάνειν ὑπὲρ αὐτῶν. ESV Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. NIV Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them...), sends the Holy Spirit (John 16:7plugin-autotooltip_default plugin-autotooltip_bigJohn 16:7

Greek ἀλλ' ἐγὼ τὴν ἀλήθειαν λέγω ὑμῖν, συμφέρει ὑμῖν ἵνα ἐγὼ ἀπέλθω. ἐὰν γὰρ μὴ ἀπέλθω, ὁ παράκλητος οὐκ ἐλεύσεται πρὸς ὑμᾶς· ἐὰν δὲ πορευθῶ, πέμψω αὐτὸν πρὸς ὑμᾶς. ESV Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. NIV But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will s…), and prepares a place for His followers (John 14:2plugin-autotooltip_default plugin-autotooltip_bigJohn 14:2

Greek ἐν τῆ οἰκίᾳ τοῦ πατρός μου μοναὶ πολλαί εἰσίν· εἰ δὲ μή, εἰπον ἂν ὑμῖν· ὅτι πορεύομαι ἑτοιμάσαι τόπον ὑμῖν· ESV In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? NIV In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you.-3plugin-autotooltip_default plugin-autotooltip_bigJohn 14:3

Greek καὶ ἐὰν πορευθῶ καὶ ἑτοιμάσω τόπον ὑμῖν, πάλιν ἔρχομαι καὶ παραλήμψομαι ὑμᾶς πρὸς ἐμαυτόν, ἵνα ὅπου εἰμὶ ἐγὼ καὶ ὑμεῖς ἦτε. ESV And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. NIV And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am....).

Bible Prophecies Regarding Jesus

See also: Messianic Prophecies

The Old Testament contains hundreds of prophecies fulfilled in Christ's life, death, and resurrection. Isaiah 53 describes the Suffering Servant who bears the sins of many. Psalm 22 vividly portrays the crucifixion centuries before it was practiced. Micah 5:2plugin-autotooltip_default plugin-autotooltip_bigMicah 5:2

Hebrew לָכֵן יִּתְּגֹם עַד עֵת יוֹלֵדֶה יָלֶדָה וְיֵנֶעֶר אֶחָיו יְשׁוּבְוּן עַל בְּגֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל ESV But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. NIV καὶσύοἶκοςτοῦεἶτοῦεἶναιἐνχιλιάσινἐκσοῦμοιἐξελεύσεταιτοῦεἶναιεἰςἄρχονταἐντῷΙσραηλκαὶαἰἔξοδοιαὐ τοῦἀπἀρχῆςἐξἡμερῶναἰῶνος... foretells His birth in Bethlehem, and Zechariah 9:9plugin-autotooltip default plugin-autotooltip bigZechariah 9:9

Hebrew אָליִר בָּת יְרוּשָׁלֵּם הָגָּה מֵלְכֵּךּ יָבוֹא לָּךְּ צַדְּיק וְנוֹשֵׁע הֻוֹּא עָנִיּ וְרֹכֵב עַל חֲמֹוֹר וְעַל עַיִּר בֶּן Hebrew אָרֹיִעוֹ בַּת יְרוּשָׁלֵם הָגָּה מֵלְכֵּךּ יָבוֹא לָּךְ צַדְּיק וְנוֹשֵׁע הֻוֹּא עָנִיּ וְרֹכֵב עַל חֲמֹוֹר וְעַל עַיִּר בֶּן ESV Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

χαῖρεσφόδραθύγατερκήρυσσεθύγατερἰδοὺὁβασιλεύςσουἔρχεταίσοιδίκαιοςκαὶσώζωναὐτόςπραῢς... predicts His humble entry into Jerusalem. These fulfillments affirm the divine inspiration of Scripture and the identity of Jesus as the promised Messiah.

Second Coming of Christ

See also: Second Coming of Jesus

The New Testament promises that Jesus will return in glory to judge the living and the dead (Matthew 25:31–46; Revelation 19:11–16). This second coming will consummate His Kingdom, bring final justice, and usher in the new heavens and new earth (Revelation 21:1–5). For believers, this is the blessed hope (Titus 2:13plugin-autotooltip_default plugin-autotooltip_bigTitus 2:13

Greek προσδεχόμενοι τὴν μακαρίαν ἐλπίδα καὶ ἐπιφάνειαν τῆς δόξης τοῦ μεγάλου θεοῦ καὶ σωτῆρος ἡμῶν Χριστοῦ Ἰησοῦ, ESV waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, NIV while we wait for the blessed hope--the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,).

Conclusion

Jesus Christ is the living Son of God who calls all people to repent and believe the good news. His life, death, and resurrection are the heart of the Christian faith, offering salvation by grace through faith. To know Him is to have eternal life (John 17:3plugin-autotooltip_default plugin-autotooltip_bigJohn 17:3

Greek αὕτη δέ ἐστιν ἡ αἰώνιος ζωή, ἵνα γινώσκωσιν σὲ τὸν μόνον ἀληθινὸν θεὸν καὶ ὃν ἀπέστειλας Ἰησοῦν Χριστόν. ESV And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. NIV Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.).

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Quotes

No Jesus, No peace; Know Jesus, Know peace. - Anonymous Quote

There is a God shaped vacuum in the heart of every man which cannot be filled by any created thing, but only by God, the Creator, made known through Jesus. - Blaise Pascal

Jesus, like any good fisherman, first catches the fish; then He cleans them. - Mark Potter

Jesus does not give recipes that show the way to God as other teachers of religion do. He is himself the way. - Karl Barth

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