

The Bible on Jesus



memory verse

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

Get ready! You're about to embark on the greatest adventure of your life. For the next year you will get to know—in a very personal way—the most amazing man who ever walked the face of the earth: Jesus Christ. He is amazing because of *Who* He actually is: the God of the universe who created all things with just a spoken word. He became man so that humankind could know Him. He designed *you* specifically for an exciting purpose. He wired you with a deep inner craving to know Him.

Why is it so vital that you take time to look at Jesus Christ? That's easy. The more you know Him, what He is like, and why He does and says what He does and says, the more you will fall in love with Him and trust Him. You will be ready to do what He calls you to do. You will be able to live the adventures for which He created you.

The adventure begins in the following pages and continues on Sunday morning in Bible Study. Once you take an in-depth look at this amazing God, you will never be the same.

Over the next year, you will have the opportunity to get alone with the God of the universe—just you and Him—as He speaks to you personally through His Word and His Spirit. I encourage you to write down your thoughts in the journal sections in order to remember everything that God reveals to you. Now, grab your Bible and get ready to take an up-close and personal look at the God who created you, designed you, loves you, and gave His all for you as we get intimate with Jesus Christ.

Day 1 >

John 5:39-40

Scripture testifies about Jesus. The word *testify* means to “make a statement based on evidence or proof” or “to give evidence.” Jesus was saying that as you read Scripture, it will show evidence or proof of Who He is. Why? So that you will come to know Him and experience life—life the way you were designed to live: life to the fullest!

The main purpose for us to read the Bible is to see the evidence of who Jesus is, to know Him and to experience real life by coming to Him. As you know Him better by reading His Word, you will trust Him more with your life and learn to obey Him. Then real life begins! The challenge is whether or not you believe He is who He says He is. If you do, what will you do with this knowledge?

As you begin this very personal journey to “diligently study the Scriptures” in order to know Jesus better, what is one question you would like answered about Jesus or one thing you would like to discover?

Why do you think most people do not turn to Jesus?

Day 2 >>

John 1:1-5, 14

This is some pretty heavy stuff. John tells us that Jesus is “the Word.” He rules all things. He made all things. He is life itself. In fact, life doesn’t exist without Him. He is light to all people. He is God. He actually became flesh so we could know what God is like. This is the One you are choosing to spend a few minutes with each day. Is it worth the sacrifice? Take a moment and ask Jesus to help you know Him deeper as you study His life.

Read John 1:1-5, 14. What one aspect of Who Jesus is speaks to you the most now? Why? Would anything in your life cause you to choose to stay in darkness as described in verse 5? How would you answer that excuse?

Write the name of one person with whom you would like to share Jesus. Pray for an opportunity to show Him to that person.

Day 3 >>>

Colossians 1:15-18

Write what Colossians 1:15-18 says Jesus has done.

Now you’re beginning to understand who this Jesus really is! Read the verses again. Be silent and let the truth of those verses sink into your mind.

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How Did They Know Before He Came?



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For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. **Isaiah 9:6**

As you seek to know Jesus better, you'll discover God has a plan to deliver all who place faith in His Son from a life of sin. In fact the word *Messiah* means "expected deliverer—Jesus Christ."

From the beginning of time God set His plan in motion to bring people back to Himself after they chose to live apart from Him. The cool thing is that God is truly sovereign; this means He is in total control of history. We can have great confidence since He is in control—even when things feel like they are spinning out of control.

Here are a few tidbits to get you a little excited about God's awesome sovereignty. The Old Testament contains nearly 300 references, called *prophecies*, to the coming of Jesus Christ. Prophecies give us nearly 300 facts that must be fulfilled in one person to confirm that He was truly the Messiah. Guess what? All of these were fulfilled in Jesus Christ. For a detailed list of these prophecies, check out Josh McDowell's book *New Evidence That Demands A Verdict*. The chance for anyone to fulfill just eight of these nearly 300 prophecies is 1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000. Let's illustrate this: cover the entire state of Texas with silver dollars two feet deep. Mark just one of these silver dollars, drop it back in anywhere, then blindfold one man and ask him to choose the one marked silver dollar in one try. This is equivalent to the chance to fulfill only eight of the prophecies. Jesus fulfilled almost 300. God wanted you to know that Jesus is the Messiah. Now, let's continue our adventure!

and will be with you wherever you go?

Day 2 >>

Genesis 3:15; Ephesians 6:12-13; Malachi 3:16

You just read some pretty tough verses.

God wants you to know that not only does He have an eternal plan for you, but there is a spiritual battle going on now between God's people and Satan's legion of rebellious angels. This is a real battle. Those who are not Christians, and even Christians who have turned away from following Jesus, can prevent you from becoming who God made you to be. Your decision to rely upon God and His Word is critical. Malachi 3:16 reveals that people who had a tremendous desire to serve God spent time together for encouragement and to honor God.

One of the greatest challenges for students involves friendships. Satan often uses friends to drag us down. He convinces us that since everyone else is doing something, it must be all right. This is his way of trying to stop you from serving Christ fully.

What kind of friends do you spend most of your time with? Are they a positive influence on your walk with Jesus? Are your closest friends growing in their faith in Christ? Pray for God to help you to be sensitive to the type of friendships you choose. What relationships do you need to

pray about?

Day 3 >>>

Micah 5:2

God prophesied through Micah that the Messiah would come from the small tribe of Judah and be born in the small, unimportant town of Bethlehem. God's plans are precise. He uses all kinds of people, but He seems to have a specific use for what appears unimportant. In the same way, God's eternal plan involves you—no matter how unimportant you may think you are. He wants you to yield all of your life to Him each day.

How serious are you about knowing Jesus?

Are you willing to continue spending time with Him and His Word each day?

Write a few areas of your life where you know God has control and a few areas that you tend to hold back. If you are willing, spend time with God for a few minutes yielding those areas to Him or telling Him why you won't. Remember, He knows your heart!

Day 4 >>>>

Isaiah 49:14-16

You are an important part of God's eternal plan! Even when you feel forgotten, He remembers you. Isaiah 49:15 reminds us that a mother can forget

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