

*Christ In The Old Testament*  
*“The Greatest Story”*  
*Luke 24:36-48*

**Introduction:**

1. Even Though:
  - Today Is The First Sunday:
    - Of The New Year:
      - I Wanted To Take Tonight’s Service:
        - To Review What We Looked At:
          - On Sunday Nights:
            - Last Year!
  - And That Is:
    - Finding Christ:
      - In The Old Testament!
2. So - To Begin:
  - Let’s Turn In Our Bibles To Luke 24 - Where:
    - After Jesus Rose From The Dead:
      - He Made A Surprise Appearance To:
        - A Couple Of His Disciples:
          - Who Where On A Short Journey From The City Of Jerusalem To The Town Of Emmaus!
  - And - After Jesus Revealed Himself:
    - To Them - Starting In Verse 31:
      - We Are Told:
        - “And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight. / 32 And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures? / 33 And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them, / 34 Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon. / 35 And they told what things were done in the way, and how he was known of them in breaking of bread. / 36 And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. / 37 But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. / 38 And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? / 39 Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. / 40 And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them his hands and his feet. / 41 And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat? / 42 And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb. / 43 And he took it, and did eat before them. / 44 And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. / 45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, / 46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: / 47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. / 48 And ye are witnesses of these things!”
3. So - What Jesus Did:
  - For The Two Disciples He Met Earlier:
    - He Does For The For The Rest Of His Disciples:
      - Here! That Is:
        - Jesus - 24:45 - “Opened . . . Their Understanding, That They Might Understand The Scriptures!”
  - Of Course - “The Scriptures” Refer To:
    - What We Know As:
      - The Old Testament - But Which The Jews Call:
        - The Tanakh!
      - Because - It Is Made Up Of:
        - The Law - Or - The Torah!
        - The Prophets - Or - The Nevi'im!
        - And - The Other Writings:
          - Which Were Called The Ketuvim:

- Which Included The Psalms!

- And - Once Again:

- In 24:44 - Jesus Tells His Disciples That:

- All Of The Scriptures!

- All Of The Tanakh!

- “All Things Must Be Fulfilled, Which Were Written In The Law Of Moses, And In The Prophets, And In The Psalms, Concerning Me!”

4. And - This Is Why:

- The Old Testament:

- Is The Very Foundation:

- Upon Which Our Faith In Jesus Is Established!

- Because It Is All About:

- Him! It All:

- Concerns Him!

- And - All Last Year - We Looked At:

- The Great Many Ways:

- Christ Is Revealed To Us:

- In The Old Testament!

- And - So To Review:

\* We First Found Christ:

1. ***In A Personal Way!***

- When He Appeared Personally:

- To Men - As A Man:

- In A Preincarnate Body!

- These Appearances:

- Are Known As Christophanies!

- And - Christ Appeared This Way:

- To At Least 5 Individuals:

- Including Adam & Eve, Abraham, Jacob, & Joshua!

- If You Remember:

- From Genesis 3:8 - We Find God Himself:

- Personally Present With:

- Adam & Eve In The Garden Of Eden!

- Because - It Was There That Adam & Eve:

- “Heard The Voice Of The LORD God Walking In The Garden In The Cool Of The Day!”

- It Wasn't Just:

- A “Voice” That Was Walking In The Garden!

- It Was “The LORD God” Who Was “Walking In The Garden!”

- Calling Out To Them!

- And - Though We Aren't Given Many Details:

- It Appears That The “LORD God” Who Had Just Created Man:

- Took The Form Of A Man:

- So That He Could Walk With And Talk With:

- His New Creation:

- Who Bore His Own Image!

- But - Why Would He Do This?

- Why Would Jesus Christ:

- Even Before His Incarnation:

- Enrobe Himself With The Flesh Of Man?

- *For Fellowship!*

- *With Us!*

- And - Isn't This The Same Reason:

- Why Jesus Came Again:

- Through His Incarnation & Virgin Birth?

- To Restore The Fellowship:

- That Was Broken By Man - Because Of Sin!

- And - This Fellowship Can Once Again:
- Be Enjoyed With Jesus:
- Even Today!

\* The Second Way We Found Christ In The Old Testament - Was:

**2. As The Angel Of The Lord!**

- Which - Many Believe:
  - Was Also A Personal Appearance:
    - Of Christ - Before:
      - His Incarnation!
  - And - As The Angel Of The Lord!
    - He Was Sent As God's Special, Divine Messenger:
      - To Deliver:
        - God's Special, Divine Message:
          - To People Like Us!
  - And - Christ Appeared This Way:
    - To A Number Of People:
      - Including Hagar, Abraham, Moses, Gideon, The Parents Of Samson, And Even The Children Of Israel As A Whole!
  - And - Each Time He Visited These People:
    - As The Angel Of The Lord:
      - He Brought A Special Message:
        - From Heaven To Earth:
          - That Is Still Relevant For Us Today!
- And - The First Time:
  - The Angel Of The Lord Comes On The Scene:
    - In The Bible - Is In Genesis 16:
      - When He Appears To A Woman:
        - Named Hagar - Who Was:
          - The Hand-Maid To Sarah, Abraham's Wife!
  - And - The Message He Brought:
    - To Hagar - Who At That Time In Her Life:
      - Was In Great Distress!
    - Was That:
      - He Hears Everything!
      - He Sees Everything!
      - He Knows Everything! And:
      - He Cares!
- And - It Was Just The Message:
  - That - Not Only Hagar Needed To Hear!
    - But - It Is The Message:
      - That Christ Came Again To Deliver:
        - To All Of Us:
          - Because Of The Distress Of Our Own Sin!
  - The Message That Christ Brought:
    - As The Angel Of The Lord:
      - Both Then & Now:
        - Is Nothing Less Than:
          - The Gospel!

\* The Third Way We Found Christ In The Old Testament - Was:

**3. In Types & Shadows!**

- That God Used:
  - To Provide For The Needs Of His People:
    - As They Were Wandering In The Wilderness:
      - From Egypt To The Promised Land!
  - "Types & Shadows" Are:
    - Things That:

- God Used In The Past:
  - To Provide “Picture Prophecies” About Christ!
- And - He Used Various Things:
  - To Do Just That!
    - Including: Different Events, Activities, And Objects!
- But - In Every Case:
  - Those “Types & Shadows” Were:
    - Just Limited Pictures:
      - Of The “Good Things To Come” In The Lord Jesus Christ!
- Some Of Those “Types & Shadows” Include:
  - The Passover Lamb, The Manna That Rained From Heaven, The Water That Gushed Out Of The Rock Of Horeb, The Bronze Serpent Raised Up By Moses, And Even The Providential Preservation Of Even The Clothes & The Shoes Of The People For Over 40 Years!
- In Each Of These Events:
  - The Care & Provision Of Christ:
    - For The Souls Of His People:
      - Is Amplified!
  - And - All God’s People Have To Do:
    - Both Then & Now - To Receive His Provision:
      - Is To Look To Him:
        - With The Eyes Of Faith!
    - Wasn’t This The Message Of:
      - The Bronze Serpent In The Wilderness?
- In Numbers 21:8:
  - “The LORD said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live!”
    - That Bronze Serpent - Portrayed To The People:
      - God’s Purity!
      - The Devil’s Persistence! And Even:
        - Their Final Punishment!
    - Yet - To Just Look Upon It:
      - As Moses Lifted It High Up On A Pole:
        - Was Their Deliverance & Salvation!
  - And - This Is What Jesus Christ Himself:
    - Came To Do! When He Was Lifted Upon:
      - On That Old Rugged Cross:
        - He Displayed The Purity Of God!
        - He Conquered The Persistence Of The Devil! And:
        - He Took Upon Himself:
          - The Final Punishment:
            - Of Our Sin!
      - But - When He Was Lifted Up:
        - On The Cross - It Wasn’t Just:
          - To Display Himself To Men:
            - It Was So That He Might Even *Draw* Men To Himself!
      - As Jesus Said In:
        - John 12:32 - “And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me!”

\* The Fourth Way That We Found Christ In The Old Testament Was:

**4. In The Tabernacle!**

- Which Was An Extended Type:
  - That God Used:
    - To Teach Us Much:
      - About Christ - And:
        - His Special Presence & Provision:
          - For His People!
  - And So - We Explored:
    - All The Different Articles:

- That Were Used For Worship:
  - In The Tabernacle!
- And - We Found Christ:
  - In The Tabernacle Tent Itself!
    - As Well As In:
  - The Holy Of Holies:
    - Where The The Ark Of The Covenant:
      - & The Mercy Seat:
        - Were Placed!
  - In The Holy Place:
    - We Found:
      - The Table Of Shewbread!
      - The Menorah Lamp!
      - And - The Incense Altar!
  - In The Court Of The Tabernacle:
    - We Found:
      - The Altar Of Burnt Offering!
      - And - The Bronze Laver!
  - All Of These:
    - Teach Us Something:
      - About Christ!
- But - In Exodus 29:42-46:
  - God Specifically Tells Us:
    - His Purpose For The Tabernacle!
      - “This shall be a continual burnt offering throughout your generations at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD: where I will meet you, to speak there unto thee. / And there I will meet with the children of Israel, and the tabernacle shall be sanctified by my glory. / And I will sanctify the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar: I will sanctify also both Aaron and his sons, to minister to me in the priest’s office. / And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will be their God. / And they shall know that I am the LORD their God, that brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, that I may dwell among them: I am the LORD their God!”
  - The Tabernacle In The Wilderness:
    - Was To Be Where:
      - God Would Meet With His People!
      - God Would Sanctify His People!
      - God Would Dwell With His People!
        - So That His People:
          - Might Know Him!
  - And - All That The Tabernacle Was For:
    - In The Old Testament:
      - Jesus Came To Fulfill:
        - In A Personal Way!
    - So That Now:
      - In & Through Jesus:
        - God Meets With Us & Sanctifies Us & Dwells With Us:
          - So That We Might Know Him Better!
  - The Tabernacle - And Later:
    - The Temple - Were Only:
      - Temporary Structures:
        - That Would Point To:
          - The Permanent Tabernacle Of God With Man - The Lord Jesus Christ!

\* The Fifth Way We Found Christ In The Old Testament Was:

**5. In The Sacrifices!**

- The Sacrificial System:
  - Was The Most Significant Activity:

- That Took Place In The Tabernacle!
- And - It Also Included:
  - Extended Types & Shadows:
    - About The Most Significant Activity:
      - That Jesus Would Come To Perform:
        - When He Sacrificed Himself On The Cross:
          - For Our Sin!
- In Leviticus 1-7 - We Found:
  - Five Main Sacrifices:
    - That Were Offered On:
      - The Brazen Altar!
  - And - Each One:
    - Anticipated The Full & Final Sacrifice Of Christ!
- The Burnt Offering Taught Us:
  - What Complete Consecration To God:
    - Looks Like!
- The Meat / Grain Offering Taught Us:
  - What Complete Communion With God:
    - Can Be Like!
- The Peace Offering Taught Us:
  - What Complete Conciliation With God:
    - Looks Like!
- And - The Sin Offering:
  - As Well As The:
    - Trespass Offering:
      - Taught Us What Was Necessary:
        - For Us To Have Our Sins:
          - Forgiven!
        - Cleared & Cleansed:
          - Completely!
- And Now - When You Believe On:
  - The Lord Jesus Christ:
    - You Are Eternally Redeemed:
      - “With the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot!” (1 Peter 1:19)

\* The Sixth Way We Found Christ In The Old Testament Was:

**6. In Individual Persons!**

- Who - Were Real, Historical People:
  - But - Who Also Provided:
    - Through Their Lives:
      - Limited Pictures & Portraits:
        - Of The Kind Of Person:
          - Christ Needed To Be:
            - In Order To Redeem Us From Our Sin!
  - We Looked At Just 5 Key Individuals From The Bible:
    - Who Are Described In The Bible:
      - As Types Of Christ:
        - Including Adam & Melchisedec & Jacob / Israel & Moses & David!
- The Lives Of All These Men:
  - Recorded In The Old Testament:
    - Revealed The Need:
      - For Someone “Better” - Who Would Come And:
        - “Make All Things New!”
  - And So - When Jesus Came:
    - He Came To Form:
      - A New Race!
        - To Replace The Old, Fallen Race:
          - That Has Adam:
            - As Its Head!

- This New Race:
  - Is Made Up Of Those Who:
    - Are “Born Again!”
    - By The Spirit Of God!
- When Jesus Came:
  - He Also Came To Form:
    - A New Nation!
      - To Replace The Old, Rebellious Nation:
        - That Had Jacob:
          - As Her Father!
  - This New Nation:
    - Is Made Up Of Those Who:
      - Have The Same Faith As Abraham - In Christ!
- When Jesus Came:
  - He Also Came To Restore:
    - The Offices Of Prophet, Priest & King:
      - In One Final, Perfect, And Eternal Leader!
    - The Only Leader:
      - Who Is Able To “Bring Us To God!” (1 Peter 3:18)

\* And - This Takes Us To The Seventh Way We Found Christ In The Old Testament Last Year - And That Was:

7. ***In Individual Prophecies!***

- In 1 Corinthian 15:
  - The Apostle Paul Tells Us That:
    - The Entire Gospel:
      - Is “According To The Scriptures!”
    - 15:3-4 - “For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; / And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures!”
      - If This Is True:
        - Then - Every Element Of The Gospel:
          - Should Be Seen:
            - In The Old Testament!
  - And - What We Discovered:
    - Is That - From Time To Time:
      - God Himself Provided:
        - Some Very Specific & Explicit Prophecies:
          - About The Person:
            - Who Would Come:
              - To Be The Christ!
  - And So - We Found:
    - Specific Prophecies:
      - About The Coming Of Christ!
    - Even About The Specific:
      - Period & Place & Power Of His Coming!
        - The Timing Of Daniel!
        - The Town Of Bethlehem!
        - The Travail Of A Virgin!
  - We Also Found:
    - Specific Prophecies:
      - About The Life Of Christ!
        - Which Matthew Details For Us:
          - All Throughout His Gospel!
    - 14 Times - He Refers Back To:
      - Specific Old Testament Prophecies:
        - About The Life Of Christ:
          - That Were Fulfilled:
            - In The Life & Ministry:
              - Of Jesus!

- All To Prove That:
  - Jesus Is The Christ!
    - And That - Every Step He Took:
      - In This World Was:
        - “According To The Scriptures!”
- We Also Found:
  - A Remarkably Specific Prophecy:
    - That Combines All The Elements Of The Gospel:
      - In One Passage - Including:
        - The Death Of Christ - And:
          - The Resurrection Of Christ!
    - And That Passage:
      - Is Found In Isaiah 52 & 53:
        - That Talks About:
          - A Special Servant Of God!
    - And The Details:
      - That Are Given There:
        - Have Never Been Fulfilled:
          - Except By One Person!
            - Jesus Of Nazareth!

**Conclusion:**

1. And So - All That We Learned About:
  - Christ In The Old Testament:
    - Really Points Us To:
      - Jesus - *As* That Christ!
        - *As* That Promised Messiah!
          - *As* That Anointed One Of God!
2. And So:
  - What The Apostle John Said:
    - Was His Purpose:
      - For Writing The Gospel Of John:
        - Can Be Applied To:
          - The Old Testament As A Whole!
    - And That Is Found:
      - In John 20:31:
        - “But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name!”
3. So - Whenever You Approach:
  - The Old Testament:
    - Remember That:
      - It Is So Full Of Christ:
        - That - When You Look For Him:
          - You Will Find Him - If You “Seek Him With All Thy Heart & With All Thy Soul!” (Deuteronomy 4:29)
      - And - When You Find Him - Stop!
        - To Learn About Him - More!
        - To Love Him - More! And:
        - To Look To Him - In Faith - Even More!
          - Because - The Old Testament Scriptures:
            - Still - As Jesus Himself Said - In John 5:39 - “Testify Of Me!”

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