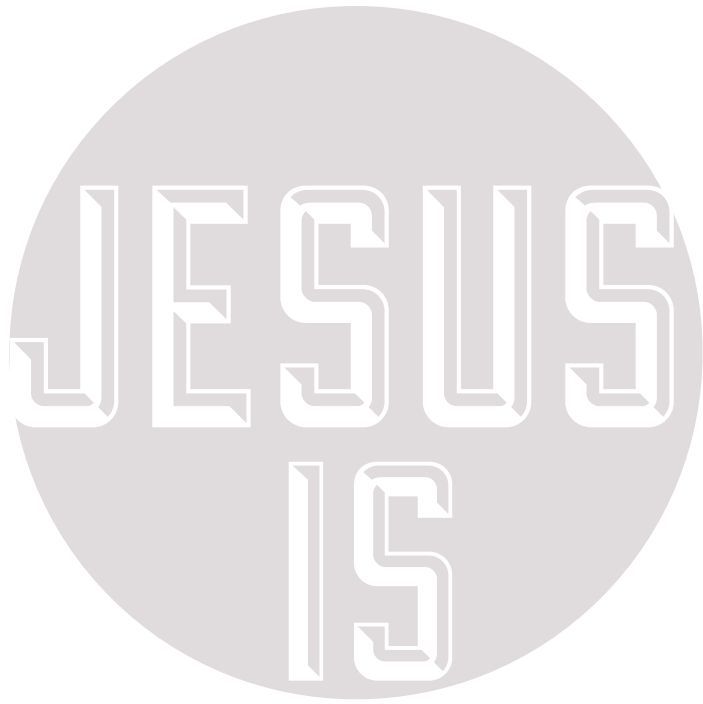


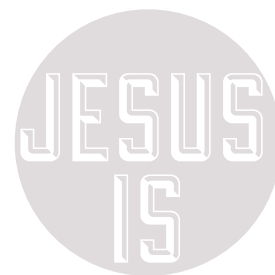
JESUS
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JESUS IS...

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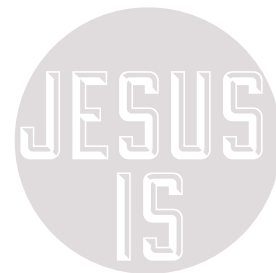
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OBJECTIVES...

- To know, **enjoy** and worship Jesus Christ
- To equip you with Bible **study skills**
- To foster a **community** of spiritual pursuit
- To help you **memorize** scripture every week

COMMITMENTS...

- This study is most effective when you...
 - **Prepare** the study before arrival, including Scripture Memory
 - **Attend** every week
 - Ask God to give you an **open heart** to the word, the leader and the others in your group
 - **Apply** the truths learned to your life



START WITH WORSHIP...

1 “Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom he created the world. 3 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.

- Hebrews 1:1-3

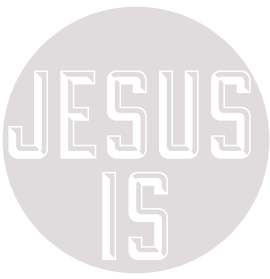
After considering the above verse, write a prayer of worship:

Jesus is...

The title of this bible study is simply put, yet powerfully true. Jesus is...God, man, savior, risen, prophet, king, priest, returning, shepherd, brother, teacher, friend, center of history, author of life...and on and on and on. The apostle Paul writes that, “in Christ are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”(Col. 2:3) This bible study intends to help scratch the surface of these treasures.

It is a study based on Jesus because Jesus reveals God. The God with no beginning, no end. Everlasting. Then. Now. To come. Outside of time, eternally existing. He is... And all of life points to this God through Christ

1) How would you describe your current relationship to Jesus? Why?



STUDY SKILL: context

Context means to read the Scripture in its proper perspective. Perspective is provided by the surrounding verses and chapters; including any sequence of events. However, it is all guided by, the author's intended meaning and the overarching themes of the Bible as a whole.

Each week you'll use a different study skill to look into a passage of Scripture. This week's skill is "context", so see the bubble above before progressing into Luke.

2) What was Luke's intention in writing his account? (Luke 1:1-4) How should this shape our understanding of what we're about to read in the rest of Luke?

3) What has happened immediately before chapter 24? (read the paragraph headings of ch 23 and 24)

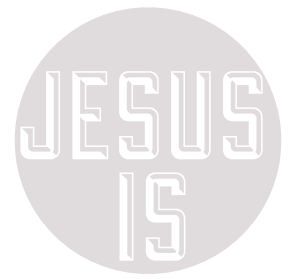
LUKE 24:13-49

13 That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, 14 and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. 15 While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. 16 But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 17 And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. 18 Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" 19 And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20 and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. 21 But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. 22 Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, 23 and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. 24 Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see."

4) What do you observe about the two disciple's understanding of Jesus? How did it affect their emotions and reasoning?

25 And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

5) What was Jesus' explanation of the recent events?



28 So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, 29 but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. 30 When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. 31 And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. 32 They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" 33 And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, 34 saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" 35 Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

6) What do you observe about their emotions now? Why?

36 As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" 37 But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. 38 And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? 39 See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." 40 And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. 41 And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" 42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish, 43 and he took it and ate before them.

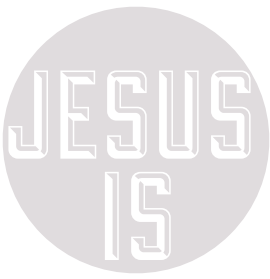
7) If you were a disciple in the room, what would be your emotions now? Why?

44 Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, 46 and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, 47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

8) What parts of Scripture foretold Jesus (vv44)? How should this shape our understanding of the Bible?

9) How were these Scriptures fulfilled (vv45-47)? How should this shape our understanding of Jesus?

10) How are these truths to be applied (vv47-49)?



Our study this semester is linked to those three words. Foretold. Fulfilled. Applied. Jesus is the superstar of Scripture and each page points to him. In the Old Testament, prophecies literally foretold his coming; these and less explicit analogies and symbols are fulfilled in the person of Christ. These truths are so powerful they must be applied to our life.

How does it effect me that Jesus is...God, man, savior, risen, king, priest, shepherd, returning?

11) Read Revelation 7:9-12. What is the appropriate effect in our lives of knowing Jesus?

12) What is worship?

13) Write a prayer of worship to God.

What is your main
TAKEAWAY
from this lesson?

How will you
RELATE
with Jesus differently?

Next Week's Memory Verses: (write them out word-for-word)

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JESUS IS...

GOD

START WITH WORSHIP...

“He who forms the mountains, creates the wind and reveals His thoughts to man. He who turns dawn to darkness and treads the high places of the earth, the LORD God Almighty is his name.”

-Amos 4:13

After considering the above verse and who God is, write a prayer of worship:

FORETOLD...

1) Read Isaiah 9:6-7. What things were expected to be true of the coming Savior?



FULFILLED...

JOHN 1:1-5; 14

“1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.... 14 The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

STUDY SKILL: observation

Observation is the key to good Bible study. Like a detective, you must look at the information from different angles in order to see more fully what's right in front of you. A good place to start is with the W's.

2) Make at least 2 Observations in each category...

Who: <i>Ex. -"word" is called he and him in v2,3...must be a person</i>	What:
When:	Where:
Why:	How: <i>Ex. -everything came to existence thru the Word (v3)</i>



3) How does verse 14 effect your understanding of vv1-5?

4) If you substitute “Jesus” for “the Word”, what things are true about Jesus in this passage?

5) Why do you think John chose to use “the Word” to describe Jesus? (ie..what do words do? what might a Jew who knew the Old Testament think about when reading this?)

6) Read Colossians 1:15-20 and Hebrews 1:1-3 and choose your 3 favorite descriptions of Jesus. Why do you like these?

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The verses we've looked at so far describe Jesus' divinity. His followers talked about him like this because of what they saw, heard and experienced.

7) Read Matthew 8 and note the proof/expression of Jesus' divine power.

v1-4:

v18-22:

v5-13:

v23-27:

v14-17:

v28-34:



APPLIED...

The everlasting God, creator of the universe, became a man and walked among us! This is not an easy thing to understand...or believe. Have you wrestled with what this chapter is asserting!? God became flesh! Imagine being one of Jesus' friends who walked, talked and laughed with him everyday. Imagine seeing him die in front of you. Would it be easy for you to believe that this man before you was very God?

8) Read John 20:24-25. Can you resonate with Thomas' emotions and doubts?

9) What are some of your doubts or questions?

10) Now read verses 26-31. What do you think Jesus would say to your questions/doubts?

11) Can you say with Thomas, "____ Lord and ____ God!"? Why? Why not?

What is your main
TAKEAWAY
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....by far the most amazing miracle of the entire Bible--far more amazing than the resurrection and more amazing even than the creation of the universe. The fact that the infinite, omnipotent, eternal Son of God could become a man...will remain for eternity the most profound mystery in all the universe.

-Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology*

Next Week's Memory Verses: (write them out word-for-word)

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JESUS IS... MAN

START WITH WORSHIP...

“10 And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”
-Luke 2:10-12

After considering the above verse, write a prayer of worship to God:

FORETOLD...

Jesus fulfilled, in exact detail, hundreds of prophecies spoken about the coming Messiah; a Savior who would walk on earth and experience human things like birth, death, friends, etc.

1) Read the prophecies below and give your reaction to Jesus’ fulfillment of them.

TOPIC	PROPHECY	FULFILLMENT	YOUR REACTION
Place of Birth	“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.” -Micah 5:2 (700 BC)	“Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea.” -Matthew 2:1	
Born of a virgin	“The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.” -Isaiah 7:14 (700 BC)	“His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit.” -Matthew 1:18	
His triumphal entry	“Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” -Zechariah 9:9 (500 BC)	“They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, ‘Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the King of Israel! Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it.” -John 12:13,14	
His rejection	“He was despised and rejected by men...like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.” -Isaiah 53:3 (700 BC)	“He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.” -John 1:11	
Hands and feet pierced	“They have pierced my hands and my feet.” -Psalm 22:16 (1000 BC)	“Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side.” -John 20:27	
His resurrection	“You will not abandon me to the grave, or let your Holy One see decay.” -Psalm 16:10 (1000 BC)	“You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead.” -Acts 3:15	
His ascension	“You ascended on high.” -Psalm 68:18 (1000 BC)	“He was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.” -Acts 1:9	



FULFILLED...

STUDY SKILL: repetition

Observation is still the key to good Bible study. This week though, read the passage REPEATEDLY, in different translations and make notes of what sticks out to you.

2) Make observations about Jesus' humanity after each translation of the passage.

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-8

5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. (ESV)

"5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. (KJV)

5 Let this same attitude and purpose and [humble] mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus: [Let Him be your example in humility:] 6 Who, although being essentially one with God and in the form of God [possessing the fullness of the attributes which make God God], did not think this equality with God was a thing to be eagerly grasped or retained, 7 But stripped Himself [of all privileges and rightful dignity], so as to assume the guise of a servant (slave), in that He became like men and was born a human being. 8 And after He had appeared in human form, He abased and humbled Himself [still further] and carried His obedience to the extreme of death, even the death of the cross! (AMP)



3) How would you paraphrase Philippians 2:5-8?

4) Does Philippians 2 mean that Jesus stopped being God?

5) What signs of humanity does Jesus display in the following passages?

Luke 2:52

Matthew 4:1-3

John 4:6

Matthew 26:36-39

John 11:32-35

Matthew 27:27-31

The New Testament's teaching that Jesus was both God and man is one of the most important truths of our faith and has understandably been wrestled with for 2,000 years. Many misunderstandings can arise as this reality is quite miraculous. The following quote was written early in Christian history by 500 bishops seeking to clarify that although one person, Jesus has two distinct natures. He is 100% man and 100% God.

“We confess with one voice that the one and only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, is perfect in Godhead and perfect in humanity, truly God and truly human...He is of one substance with the Father as God, and also of one substance with us as man...This one and the same Christ...is made known in two natures without confusion, without change, without division, without separation.”

- The Chalcedonian Definition, AD 451.

6) What are some ways the dual nature of Jesus could be misunderstood?



APPLIED...

7) Read Hebrews 2:17,18 and 4:14-16. What reasons does the author give for the importance to us of Jesus' humanity?

8) What temptation(s) seem overwhelming to you? Why?

9) What is your typical response to the temptation?

10) According to Hebrews 4:14-16, what should our response be? Does this surprise you?

What is your main
TAKEAWAY
from this lesson?

How will you
RELATE
with Jesus differently?

Next Week's Memory Verses: (write them out word-for-word)

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START WITH WORSHIP...

“16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

-John 3:16

After considering the above verse, write a prayer of worship to God:

FULFILLED...

1) Rewrite at least 3 of the following verses in your own words.

1 Timothy 2:5,6

1 Peter 3:18

John 3:35,36

Romans 5:6-8

Romans 6:23

Colossians 2:13,14

2) After looking at these verses, why do you think it was important to clarify the last two weeks that Jesus was truly God and truly man?



FORETOLD...

STUDY SKILL: imagination

Observation, yes, it is still the key to good Bible study! So, this week read **IMAGINATIVELY**. Try to see, hear and smell the scene. Then make notes from what arises.

Over 700 years before Jesus died on the cross, God spoke through the prophet Isaiah about the suffering servant who would accomplish salvation for many. In vivid language a picture of Jesus was painted.

3) As you read imaginatively, circle words that grab your attention and help you “see” the scene.

ISAIAH 52:13-53:12

13 Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. 14 As many were astonished at you— his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind— 15 so shall he sprinkle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand. 53:1 Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? 2 For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. 3 He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

4 Surely he has borne our grief and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. 8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? 9 And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

10 Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. 11 Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. 12 Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

4) What are some of your imaginative impressions from the passage?

7) Compare Isaiah to Romans 3:23-26?

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. 26 It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

-How are the two passages alike?

jus·ti·fied: participle
 legal act of God declaring a sinner pardoned, accepted and "just" on the basis of Jesus' righteousness

pro·pi·ti·a·tion: noun
 turning away wrath by an offering

-How does the teaching of Romans clarify the vision of Isaiah?

8) How would you explain to someone why Jesus alone can save?



APPLIED...

Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-21 and answer the following.

From w14, 15

9) What motivated Paul to live the way he did?

10) In what ways are you currently living for yourself? How could you change this?

From w16,17

11) How have you experienced the old passing away and the new coming?

From w18-20

12) Are you active as an ambassador? Explain your answer.

From w21

13) What is the message of the ambassador?

What is your main TAKEAWAY from this lesson?

How will you RELATE with Jesus differently?

Next Week's Memory Verses: (write them out word-for-word)

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START WITH WORSHIP...

34 “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. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or danger, or sword?..37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

-Romans 8:34,35,37

After considering the above verse, write a prayer of worship to God:

FORETOLD...

Though predicted hundreds of years before his arrival as well, this study will focus on Jesus’ own foretelling of his resurrection.

1) In the following verses, what do you notice about Jesus’ predictions and the disciples’ reaction?

Jesus’ Prediction	Verses	Disciples’ Reaction
	Matt. 16:21-23	
	Matt. 17:22-23 and 18:1	
	Matt. 20:17-21	



2) What were your impressions of Jesus' predictions? Why do you think he kept telling them?

3) Why do you think the disciples reacted in the ways they did?

FULFILLED...

Read Luke 24:1-12 and answer the following.

(Check out the paragraph titles in your Bible for Luke 23 to get the context)

From vv1-4

4) How would you describe the women's experience?

From vv5-7

5) What observations do you have about the men's message?

From vv8-12

6) What is your response to the disciple's response?

In just a few weeks the disciples went from thinking the resurrection was an "idle tale" to saying things like "this Jesus..you crucified and killed..God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death" (Acts 2:22-24). What happened!?

7) Read 1 Corinthians 15:3-9. What made the difference in their belief?

8) Why do you think Paul lists the different audiences of Jesus' appearances?

APPLIED...

9) Read 1 Corinthians 15:16-22. According to Paul, how important is the resurrection to your life? Why?

10) How often do you personally consider the importance of the resurrection?

11) Read Romans 6:1-14 and complete the study skill.

11)

ROMANS 6:1-14

1What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? 2By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? 3Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

5For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. 6We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. 7For one who has died has been set free from sin. 8Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. 10For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. 11So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

12Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. 13Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.

14For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

STUDY SKILL:
repetition

Noting words that are repeated throughout a text is a key to discovering the meaning and big idea of the author. Choose three colors to highlight three word groups you see repeated in this passage. For example, highlight dead (or death, die, etc) in the same color.



12) What are at least 5 key things we learn about death in this passage?

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13) How would you summarize the application of Jesus' resurrection to your daily life?

14) What do you think verses 12,13 look like practically for you?

What is your main
TAKEAWAY
 from this lesson?

How will you
RELATE
 with Jesus differently?

Next Week's Memory Verses: (write them out word-for-word)

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2-

START WITH WORSHIP...

“15 he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, 16 who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.”

-1 Timothy 6:15,16

After considering the above verse, write a prayer of worship to God:

FORETOLD...

Read 1 Samuel 8.

1) Why did Israel want a king (v4-5, 19-20)?

2) What was Samuel's response (v6, 21)? What was the LORD's (v7, 22)?

3) How would you summarize Samuel's warning in vv10-18?

Following 1 Samuel 8, Israel entered a Monarchical period. While dominated by poor kings, including one with bad enough judgment to cause the nation to split in two (Israel & Judah), the period was highlighted by Israel's second king, David, "a man after God's heart." (Acts 13:22)

4) What is David promised in 2 Samuel 7:12-16?

5) What about this promise seems physical? Spiritual?



6) How do the following verses describe the kingdom of the promised Messiah?

- Jeremiah 23:5,6

- Isaiah 11:1-10 (note: Jesse is the father of David)

mes·si·ah: noun

Literally “anointed one.” A king was anointed by God to rule. The Messiah was the king expected to deliver the Jews, as promised to David

FULFILLED...

7) Read Acts 13:21-23. How is Jesus the physical fulfillment of the promised king? (also, Luke 3:23-31)

8) What do the following verses say about Jesus as the spiritual fulfillment of the promise?

- Luke 4:16-21

- John 18:36-37

9) Read Ephesians 1:20-23. How is Christ the eternal fulfillment of the promise?

APPLIED...

10) What are some appropriate responses to a king?

11) Do those responses characterize your relationship to Jesus? Why, why not?

LUKE 6:46-49

“Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you?⁴⁷ Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: ⁴⁸ he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. ⁴⁹ But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great.”

12) Write 20 questions about this passage.

STUDY SKILL: questions

Another way to make observations is to read ACQUISITIVELY. Bombard the text with questions. As you do so, new insights will begin to arise and deeper insights await.



13) Where do you struggle to obey Christ?

14) Why do you think he wants you to obey him in that area?

14) What would it look like for you to trust him and obey in that area this week?

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How will you
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with Jesus differently?

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Next Week's Memory Verses: (write them out word-for-word)

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START WITH WORSHIP...

“13 Your way, O God, is holy. What god is great like our God? 14 You are the God who works wonders; you have made known your might among the peoples.”

-Psalm 77:13,14

After considering the above verse, write a prayer of worship to God:

FORETOLD...

After rescuing them from slavery in Egypt, God instituted a covenantal relationship with Israel. This included the giving of the Ten Commandments and other laws to guide their life and worship. He promised to dwell among them in the tabernacle and created the office of priest, which provided a representative to God on behalf of the people.

Priests were to appear before God to offer sacrifices, prayers and worship. And by so doing to “sanctify” the people, making them acceptable to come into God’s presence. Many specific commands and regulations were given to the priests to assure they were cleansed and able to stand before God. Large portions of Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy are devoted to these priestly regulations.

1) Skim the text of Exodus 29. Then flip through the pages of Leviticus, reading the paragraph headings given in your Bible. What observations do you have about the priestly guidelines?

2) Why do you think there were so many regulations for meeting with God? (See Leviticus 11:44,45)

PRIEST

STUDY SKILL: comparison
 Another way to make observations is to read COMPARATIVELY. Looking for things in the text that are alike and unlike.

FULFILLED...

3) Read the texts from Hebrews and fill in the chart based on your comparative reading of the passages.

TEXT	OBSERVATIONS ABOUT JESUS	WAYS ALIKE PRIESTHOOD	WAYS UNLIKE PRIESTHOOD
Heb. 4:14-5:3			
Heb. 7:23-25			
Heb. 7:26-28			
Heb. 9:1-10 and 9:23-26			
Heb. 10:11-18			

4) Explain some of the main benefits you observed of Jesus as our priest.

APPLIED...

Hebrews 10:19-25 is a sort of summary and transition statement about Jesus as our priest.

HEBREWS 10:19-25

19 Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, 20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

5) What benefits of Jesus as our priest does the author make sure to clarify (v19-21)?

6) How does this understanding affect our faith (v22)? Why?



7) What is the affect on our hope (v23)? Why?

8) How are hope and faith different?

9) What is the affect on our love (v24, 25)? Why?

10) How could you apply this reality to your faith, hope or love this week?

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START WITH WORSHIP...

“16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. 17 For the lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

-Revelation 7:16,17

After considering the above verse, write a prayer of worship to God:

FORETOLD...

1) Fill in the chart below.

Things stated or implied about the promised shepherd	Verse	Things stated or implied about the sheep
	Micah 5:2-5a	
	Isaiah 40:9-11	
	Ezekiel 34:11-16	
	Ezekiel 34:23-24	



FULFILLED...

2) Read John 10:10-18 and make observations about the thief, shepherd, hired hand and sheep.

JOHN 10:10-18

10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. 11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12 He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. 13 He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. 17 For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

thief	shepherd
hired hand	sheep

3) In what ways was Jesus shepherd-like?

4) In what ways was he unlike a shepherd?

5) What do you think are some signs of having the abundant life Jesus promises to provide?

6) What might it look like to be stolen from, killed or destroyed by the thief?

7) How are the above evident in your life?

APPLIED...

Look at the Study Skill then read this passage slowly three times before moving on to the next page

PSALM 23

1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

3 He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness

for his name's sake.

4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil,

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff,

they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord

forever.

STUDY SKILL: contemplation

Our society is one of speed. Most anything you desire can be had instantly. Spirituality is not that way! Slowing down and contemplating a passage of Scripture can yield great fruit..Intimacy with God! Consider this familiar passage and complete a contemplative exercise on the next page.



8) Choose one of the following ways to contemplate Psalm 23:

- Write an Opposite-Psalm 23 (what would it sound like if the Lord wasn't your shepherd?)
- Write the Psalm in the third person, as if God were speaking it to you personally.
- Illustrate below what comes to mind as you consider the Psalm
- Choose one line from the Psalm. Meditate on it and write a prayer about what comes to mind.
- Memorize the whole Psalm

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START WITH WORSHIP...

12 “Behold I (Jesus) am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay everyone for what he has done. 13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

-Revelation 22:12,13

After considering the above verse, write a prayer of worship to God:

FORETOLD...

This semester we've looked at ancient prophecies and pictures foretelling Jesus. Each of these lessons (and many more we haven't considered) were fulfilled by Jesus as he walked on earth. This week's lesson is a little different. It hasn't been fulfilled...yet. But if he so fulfilled all the other areas, what should we expect of this one?

1) Matthew 24 is one of the chapters in which Jesus foretells his return. Read the following verses and note what Jesus says will proceed or accompany it.

vv3-8:

vv23-26:

vv9-13:

vv29-31:

v14:

vv36-44

vv15-22

RETURNING

FULFILLED...

2) Read 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18. What will characterize Christ's return?

3) Why are these words to be encouraging (v18)?

4) Read John 14:2,3. What does Jesus reveal about the purposes of his returning?

5) What is your response to his promise?

STUDY SKILL: words

Grammar helps you study the Bible! Before you groan, make your way through the following chart to see how easy it can be to let the words do the work. You just need to know some common things to look for.

APPLIED...

6) Fill in the chart below (and on next page) using the grammatical clues for help in applying to our lives the promise of his return.

Verse	Word usage	observations
Titus 2:11-14	<p>CAUSE & EFFECT: one truth, action or event causes a response or reaction.</p> <p>---</p> <p>In this passage look for the tenses used throughout. What is past? Present? Future? How does the past effect the other two?</p>	

Verse	Word usage	observations
James 5:7-9	<p>VERBS: action words reveal action! They can clue you into Who is doing what, as well as commands we are need to carry out.</p> <p>---</p> <p>What actions should characterize our lives? Which do we control? Which are out of our control?</p>	
Matt. 24:14	<p>MODIFIERS: These are descriptive words such as adjectives and adverbs which help add detail and/or limits to the meaning of a sentence.</p> <p>---</p> <p>How would the meaning change if you took out the modifiers 'whole' and 'all' from this passage? What then is their importance?</p>	
Matt. 28:16-20	<p>CONNECTIVES: These key words link ideas together helping us understand cause&effect, and. Examples: For, And, But, Therefore.</p> <p>---</p> <p>How do <i>And</i>, <i>But</i> and <i>Therefore</i> effect your understanding of our life until Christ's return?</p>	
Heb. 9:27,28	<p>DEFINITION: Sometimes defining a word will help you better understand what you read over quickly at first, clarifying the meaning and/or providing conviction.</p> <p>---</p> <p>Define the word "eagerly" as you consider the passage. Does this word describe you?</p>	



7) Use any/all of the grammar helps to consider 2 Peter 3:8-10.
2 PETER 3:8-10

8 But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 9 The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. 10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

11 Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, 12 waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! 13 But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

<u>CAUSE & EFFECT:</u>	<u>VERBS:</u>
<u>MODIFIERS:</u>	<u>CONNECTIVES:</u>
<u>DEFINITION:</u>	<u>OTHER OBSERVATIONS:</u>

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START WITH WORSHIP...

6 "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

-John 14:6

After considering the above verse, write a prayer of worship to God:

REVIEW...

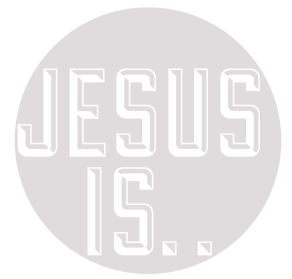
1) Flip back through your study and list your response to each week's summary questions.

Chapter	Main Takeaway	Relate Differently
Jesus Is...		
God...		
Man...		



Chapter	Main Takeaway	Relate Differently
Savior...		
Risen...		
King...		
Priest...		
Shepherd...		
Returning...		

2) Which lessons were your favorite? Why?



3) List the references for your memory verses.

4) Can you still quote them? How have you used one of them this semester?

5) What is one lasting application for you after this study?