

## THE STORY OF JESUS

John 1:1-14

(Not entirely original with me)

**Introduction:** Hymns are sung about Jesus, sermons are preached about Jesus, Sunday School lessons teach about Jesus, Christmas is about Jesus, Easter is about Jesus, prayers are made in the name of Jesus. Jesus is the supreme name in all Christianity. The story of Jesus is about His being crucified, about redemption, grace, salvation and His love. Here are six points, thoughts about the story of Jesus.

### I. THE STORY OF JESUS BEGAN BEFORE THE WORLD WAS CREATED

1. God was determined to save mankind.
  - God's love for mankind is beyond mankind's ability to comprehend it.
2. How was God to save mankind?
  - How could God be just and yet justify the ungodly?
  - A dilemma of Grace existed.
3. The answer was found.
  - God's Son, the Lord Jesus Christ would become mankind's surety and substitute.
    - ***Job 33:24; John 6:37-40; Ephesians 1:12-13***
  - Who will be saved? God's elect.
  - How will they be saved? By the obedience of Jesus Christ.
  - What will secure the salvation of the redeemed sinner? The sovereign rule of Jesus Christ.
    - ***John 17:2***

### II. THE REDEMPTION OF MANKIND REVEALED

1. Jesus Christ died for mankind's sins according to the Scriptures (***1 Corinthians 15:3***)
  - In Genesis, Jesus is known as "the Woman's Seed."
  - In Exodus, Jesus is known as "the Passover lamb."
  - In Leviticus, Jesus is known as "the Atoning Sacrifice."
  - In Numbers, Jesus is known as "the Smitten Rock."
  - In Deuteronomy, Jesus is known as "the Prophet."
  - In Joshua, Jesus is known as "the Captain of Our Salvation."
  - In Judges, Jesus is known as "the Mighty Deliverer."
  - In Ruth, Jesus is known as "Our Kinsman Redeemer."
  - In Kings, Jesus is known as "the King of Peace and of Righteousness."
  - In Nehemiah, Jesus is known as "the Restorer of All Things."
  - In Esther, Jesus is known as "Our Great Advocate."
  - In Job, Jesus is known as "the Daysman."
  - In Psalms, Jesus is known as "Our Song."
  - In Ecclesiastes, Jesus is known as "the Teacher of Wisdom."
  - In The Song of Solomon, Jesus is known as "Our Beloved."
  - In The Gospels, Jesus is known as "the God-man."
  - In Acts, Jesus is known as "the Exalted Lord and King."
  - In The Epistles, Jesus is known as "the Head of the Church."
  - In Hebrews, Jesus is known as "Our Great High Priest."
  - In Revelation, Jesus is known as "the Worthy Lamb."
2. Every law in Israel pointed to Jesus and every event recorded in the Old Testament had reference to Jesus.
  - The priest, his garments, his service, his sacrifices, his washings foreshadowed the Lord Jesus.

- The tabernacle, the temple, the ceremonies and the covenants God made with men all speak of the Lord Jesus Christ and portray Him.
3. Everything in the Old Testament speaks of Jesus.
    - The skins of animals God took to clothe Adam and Eve.
    - The Ark of Salvation for Israel.
    - The Mercy Seat.
    - The Rock in the Wilderness to give drink to Israel.
    - The Manna from heaven to feed Israel.

### III. THE REDEMPTION STORY IS WRITTEN IN THE LIFE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

1. When did Jesus come?
  - *"...In the fulness of time..."*
2. Who sent Him?
  - *"...God sent forth His Son."*
3. How did He come?
  - *"...Made of a Woman..."*
  - *"...Made under the Law..."*
4. Why did He come?
  - *"... To redeem them that were under the law..."*
5. What is the result of His coming?
  - *"...That we might receive the adoption of sons..."*

### IV. THE CLIMAX OF THE REDEMPTION STORY

1. The climax of the story was the death which Jesus accomplished at Jerusalem.
  - *Luke 9:31; John 12:31-32*
2. *"Now is the judgment of this world..."*
  - The Crisis of the World - the turning point, the crucial time, the climax.
  - The Judgment of the World - the condemnation of the world.
  - The Justification of the World - the justification of God's elect throughout the world - *John 16:11)*
3. *"Now shall the prince of this world be cast out..."*
  - The death of Jesus was the salvation of those who believe and so His death was the binding of Satan, the breaking of Satan's power and dominion over the nations of the world.
    - *Colossians 2:15; Revelation 20:1-3*
4. *"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth will draw all men unto me..."*
  - The Son of God draws all mankind unto Himself, without exception and without qualification.
    - All kinds of people.
    - All races of people.
    - All who will believe in Him.
  - *"...In due time Christ died for the ungodly..." (Romans 5:8)*
  - *1 Peter 2:21-25*

### CONCLUSION:

1. The gospel is "good news" that redemption has been accomplished and it is "God's Story," His story of redemption and grace through the Lord Jesus Christ.
2. On the third day after dying on the cross, Jesus arose from the grave, triumphant over death, hell, and the grave.

- Jesus rose to die no more.
  - Jesus rose to declare believers in Him that their justification was accomplished.
3. Jesus ascended up into glory and is even now at the right hand of Almighty God on high and rules all things in absolute sovereignty.
    - His work of redemption is finished.
    - His rule is total.
    - His intercession is effectual.
  4. One day the Lord Jesus Christ will return in the brightness of His glory to complete His redemptive actions for mankind.
    - Jesus shall come Himself.
    - The dead in Christ shall rise first.
    - Then living believers in Jesus will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord Jesus in the air.
    - The world and all the wicked shall be destroyed with the brightness of the Lord's glory.
    - Jesus will make all things new.
    - Jesus will come to earth with ten thousands of His Saints (believers).
    - Then will come the end. ***(1 Corinthians 15:24-28)***
  5. Will YOU believe on the Lord Jesus Christ? Or will you perish? Will YOU trust in the Lord Jesus or will YOU go to hell where all unbelievers will spend eternity with no hope?