

Study 5: The Messiah and the New Covenant

This week we will look at the new covenant, whereby forgiveness and relationship with God are established through Jesus Christ and His shed blood.

A. The Promised Messiah

Read Isaiah 53:1-12 and Acts 8:29-35.

1. Who is this passage talking about?
2. What did men do to Him?
3. What evidence can you find in this passage that God received Him as a sacrifice?
4. What was the consequence for those who would rely on that sacrifice for their sin?

B. The Messiah's Birth

Read Matthew 1:18-25.

1. What supernatural events surrounded the birth of Jesus?
2. What was special about His name?

C. The Messiah's Purpose

Read Matthew 20:28.

1. What was the purpose of Jesus' life?

D. The Death and Resurrection of the Messiah

Read Matthew 27:45-54.

1. What supernatural events surrounded the death of Jesus?
2. Why did He have to die?
3. What was the purpose of His life? (John 10:10-18)

Conclusion

1. The prophet Isaiah foretold about Jesus' life and death in chapter 53, which was written 700 years before Jesus was born. The details of Isaiah 53 are now historical facts. But Jesus is more than a historical figure because God knew that you would need a life-giving Savior before you were born. Have you placed your faith in this Savior, Jesus, and received eternal life? Read John 5:24.
2. If you have, write down the things you now have according to John 5:24. If you have not, why not?