

NEW TESTAMENT



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Daily Apologetics for Families

Daily Themes



overview of
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the Bible



big words
of the Bible
and their
importance



who God is
and why it
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showing
God's work



historical
timeline of
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Statement of Faith

God is only and always good. Romans 8:28-32

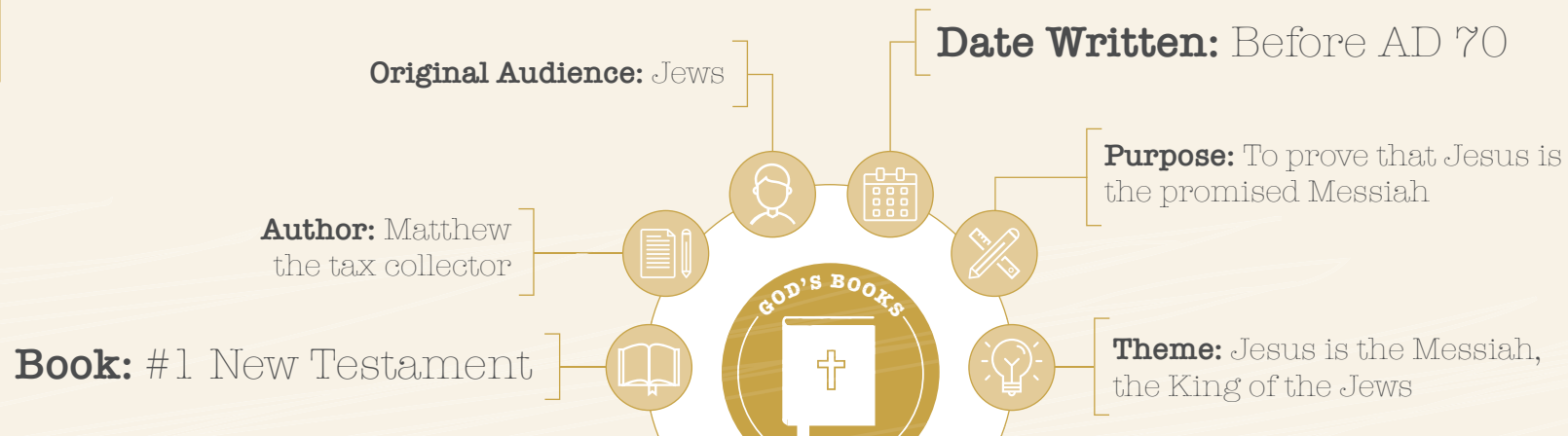
No matter what we face in life, God is more than enough. 2 Corinthians 9:8

Because of God's great love and mercy, we are Not Consumed by life's struggles. Lamentations 3:22-23

My soul finds rest in God alone. Because He is my fortress, I will never be shaken. Psalm 62:1-2

Daring faith is trusting God even if we can't see the good in a situation. Hebrews 10:23

Simply put, I believe the Bible is 100% true as inspired by God.



Matthew

The book of Matthew is the first book in the New Testament and one of the four Gospels. Do you remember the lineage, or family line, talked about in the Old Testament that was leading up to the Messiah? All through the Old Testament, prophets were sharing God's message that a perfect King would come to rule Israel. Though Israel was unfaithful to God and disobeyed Him, God was never unfaithful to Israel. Finally, God's promise is fulfilled in the birth of the Messiah. Do you know His name? It's Jesus! Matthew tells the story of Jesus' life—the miracles He performs, the truth He speaks, and the people He loves. This King offers salvation and freedom from sin to the entire world! Praise God! But sadly, most people didn't understand who Jesus was or what He came to do. As the book of Matthew ends, Jesus is crucified on the cross for our sins. But He didn't stay there! Three days later, He rose again as the one Great King saving His people from their sins.

Most Loved Verses: 6:19–20, 33; 11:28; 28:18–19

Definition: good news



*Salvation from sin through
Jesus is good news for the entire world.*

Gospel

Key Verse: Matthew 24:14

Have you ever received some good news? What was it? Good news is something we love to receive! The **gospel** is the good news to the whole world that Jesus the Messiah came and died on the cross to save us from our sin. This good news brings peace and joy to the hearts of all those who accept it.

RELATED FILES:

- Jesus' ministry
(Matt 4:23; 9:35)
- Command to preach the gospel
(Matt 28:19-20; Mark 16:15)
- John the Baptist's ministry
(Mark 1:1-9)
- The work of the early church
(Acts 8:25, 40)
- Paul's ministry
(Rom 1:1, 15)
- The gospel bringing salvation to all
(Gal 1:13; 3:6-7; 1 Pet 4:6; Rev 14:6)

THINK ABOUT IT:
Do you know
why the people were
waiting for a
Messiah?

Messiah comes from a Hebrew word meaning “anointed one” or “chosen one.” We see this idea of “choosing” in the ceremonial anointing of the kings of Israel, which showed that God had chosen them to lead the people. The anointing of kings pointed toward the day when the final Anointed One—the **Messiah**—would come to earth to save His people. God’s people, the Jews, hoped the Messiah would end the oppression of the Roman government. But Jesus—the promised Messiah and true Anointed King—would save His people from a far greater oppression. He would save them from the oppression of their sin. What a wonderful Savior!

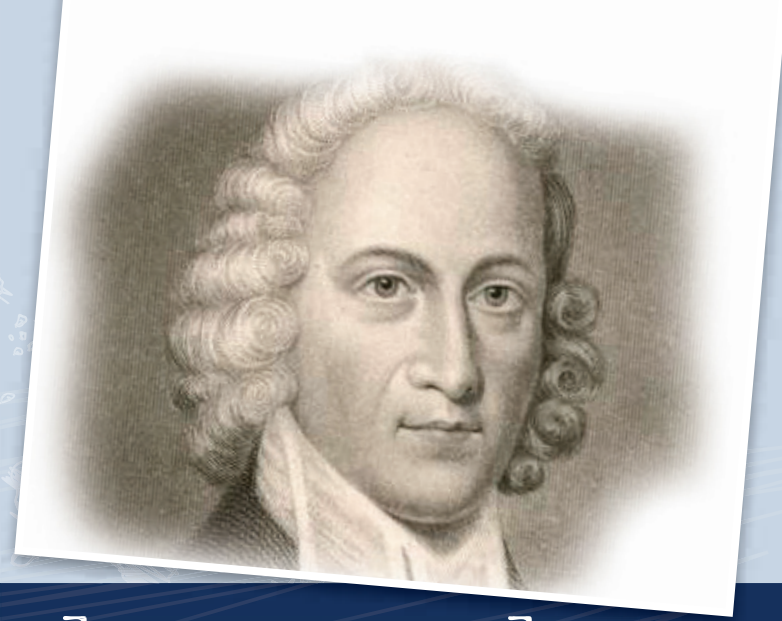


Messiah

ANOINTED ONE

Isaiah 61:1-3

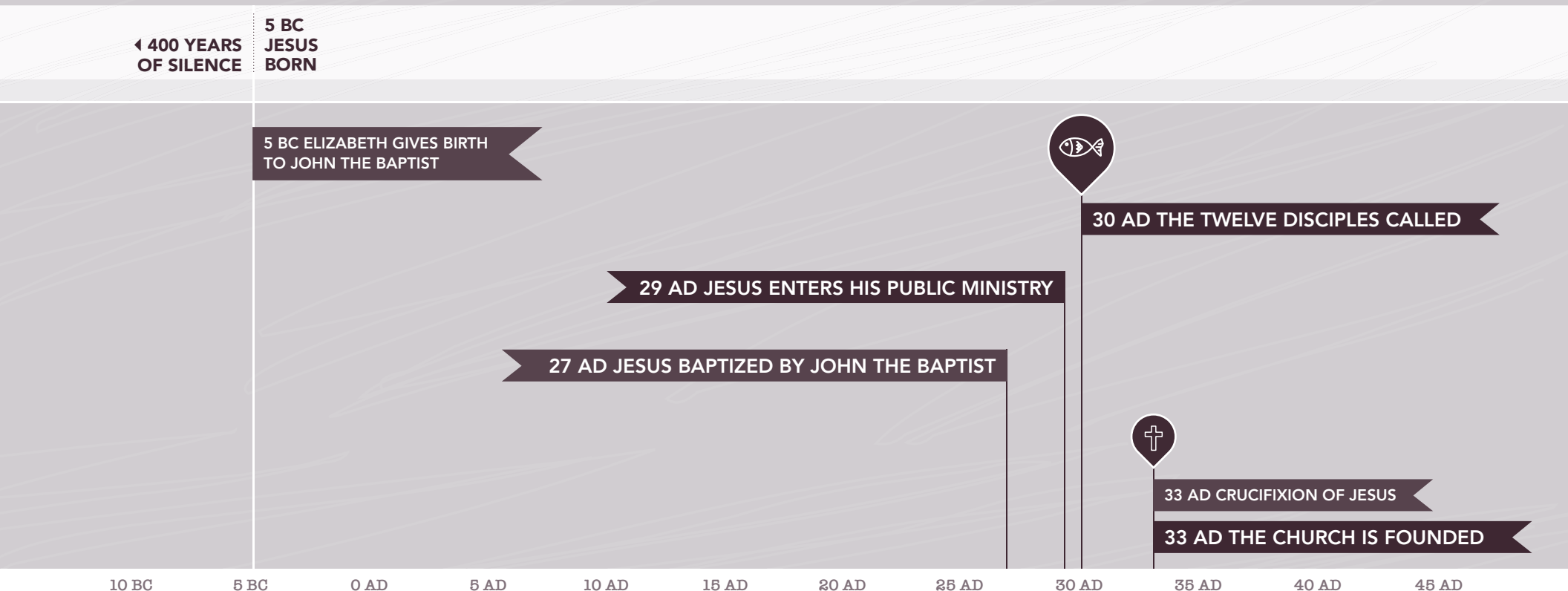
“The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has **anointed** me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the LORD’s favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.



Jonathan Edwards

Jonathan Edwards used his life to point people to Jesus, the Messiah. How would someone describe you? As an adult, Jonathan was energetic and passionate about the gospel of Jesus and Christ's power to change lives—perhaps because he saw this power in his own life. Jonathan was born in 1703, the 5th of 11 children, and the only boy! He was homeschooled by his father, who taught boys getting ready for college. Jonathan began his own college career as a student at Yale when he was 12 years old. At 17, after a period of troubles, he said holiness had been revealed to him, and he would start following hard after God.

He graduated from Yale with a master's degree, and he began working with his grandfather and eventually took over for him as a preacher. Jonathan led hundreds to Christ. He made the truth of the Anointed One—the Messiah—very clear as he preached the gospel. Jonathan Edwards helped start the Great Awakening, which was a revival among the English colonists in America. He preached a famous sermon entitled, "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God," and the Holy Spirit moved greatly in the people's hearts. Because Jonathan used the great passion and energy God had gifted him with, lives were changed, and towns were transformed for Jesus. God used Jonathan Edwards to proclaim salvation through Jesus, the Messiah, and to call the American colonists to place their faith in Jesus, who would take away all their sin.



God's Timeline

When the Old Testament came to a close, there were 400 years of silence, waiting for the Messiah to come. That's a long time to wait, don't you think? Finally, one day in the little town of Bethlehem, Jesus was born. You might remember Bethlehem as the city where Ruth and Naomi returned to. Ruth was Jesus' great-great-great-lots more greats-grandmother. This was really important to prove, and that's why Matthew included it in his gospel. Everything the prophets said about Jesus' birth came true. Sadly, the people weren't expecting Jesus to come as their Savior. They were looking for a king who would fight for them against the Romans. But Jesus had a much bigger plan. He came to save us from our sins. A little over 30 years after His birth, He was crucified on the cross to save not just the Israelites but all of us from our inability to stop sinning against God. Ten days after Jesus' resurrection and ascension to heaven, the church was born!