



FULFILLED


AN EASTER STUDY



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*“Blessed is the King
who comes in the
name of the Lord.”*

-LUKE 19:38

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WELCOME

I was nineteen years old when I experienced God for the first time at an Easter church service. Sure, I ran around plenty of Easter egg hunts growing up, hand-dyed eggs with family friends, and knew how to put on my Sunday-best, but none of those memories were ones that I remember God being a part of.

The church service itself was well-delivered and had some memorable points, but the words weren't anything life-shattering. But the night of Easter, after all the busyness of family photos, brunch, and a big nap, I sat up on my bed and thought about the meaning of Easter. Maybe, really, for the first time. Instead of trying to figure it all out myself, I let God walk me through His decisions about me.

That God chose to *die for me*.

That Christ rising from the grave was more than a cool, powerful thing.

That He knows my frame and desires to draw me in close.

This was life-shattering. Shattered my grasp of compassion. Shattered my striving to be good or pretty or anything "enough". Shattered my expectations. Shattered my shame.

The more time I've spent unpacking the beauty of Easter, the more my ideas of what God wants from me have been shattered. I thought He wanted me to work at loving Him as much as I knew He loves me; but He wants rest from me. I thought He wanted me to look like I had it all together because "Jesus was in my life"; but He wants honesty from me. I thought He wanted me to figure my life out on my own; but He wants faith from me.

He is not so concerned with me displaying God and appearing godly;
He is concerned with me knowing God and

believing His promises.

He is not so concerned with my Easter attendance, activities, or posts;

He is concerned with me depending on Christ for my identity and approval.

When I began to chase after God in college, I noticed a thread throughout Old and New Testament books of the Bible, a new storyline that I hadn't noticed before. From beginning to end, it's this: the entire Bible tells one grand story, a story centered on Jesus. It's a story of God's relentless love and faithfulness to His people. Jesus is the fulfillment of this grand story, and Easter is the culmination!

As we dive into this grand story together during these couple weeks before Easter, we will explore some legendary promises of God and the adventures that His people have taken in order just to draw near to Him. We will look into the riches that God gave us at the Cross. And whether you are running from God or working your tail off to please Him, unpacking the Easter story will challenge your view of God.

Imagine what God can do as you reflect on Him this Easter. It's as if He's saying, *'When you open My Word, search for my Son. In the lives of Abraham, Moses, and David, you will see faithful forerunners for my Chosen One. When you get to the part with My Son at the Cross, be still there, and consider My love for you. See Him, and you'll see Me, My heart for you.'*

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LESSON ONE

A STORY OF PROMISES

FROM THE BEGINNING

After sin entered the world, the people of God were extremely prideful and wanted to build a name and a life for themselves rather than love God.* God though would pick one man named Abram to build up the name of God. God would bless him with many blessings and give him the new name Abraham.

ABRAHAMIC

Read Genesis 12:1-4.

¹“Now the Lord said to Abram, ‘Go forth from your country, And from your relatives And from your father’s house, To the land which I will show you; ²And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you, And make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing; ³And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.’ ⁴So Abram went forth as the Lord had spoken to him; and Lot went with him. Now Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.”

What are the three things God promised Abraham?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Reading Galatians 3:6-9, what was God’s plan that started with Abraham and fulfilled by Jesus?

Has the Abrahamic Covenant been fulfilled?

*Tower of Babel in Genesis 11

Let's look at each of the 3 promises...

SEED:

LAND:

BLESSING:

So... Yes and No.

The Abrahamic covenant is partially fulfilled, and will be completely fulfilled when Jesus returns.

THE ISSUE...

The one deficiency of the Abrahamic Covenant: it didn't give Israel a the blessings. is the RULES Israel had to follow to enjoy the blessings of God.

MOSAIC

What do you know about the Law?

There are 3 types of specific laws included in The Law:

laws: a Constitution for Israel

DEUTERONOMY 24:14-15

¹⁴“You shall not oppress a hired servant who is poor and needy, whether he is one of your countrymen or one of your aliens who is in your land in your towns. ¹⁵You shall give him his wages on his day before the sun sets...”

laws: how to practice Judaism

EXODUS 29:38-39

³⁸“Now this is what you shall offer on the altar: two one year old lambs each day, continuously. ³⁹The one lamb you shall offer in the morning and the other lamb you shall offer at twilight...”

laws: how to behave

DEUTERONOMY 5:7-21

⁷“You shall have no other gods before Me. ⁸You shall not make for yourself an idol ... ¹¹You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain... ¹²Observe the sabbath day... ¹⁶Honor your father and your mother... ¹⁷You shall not murder. ¹⁸You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁹You shall not steal. ²⁰You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ²¹You shall not covet...”

What is the outcome for Israel of following the Law?

In the Old Testament, how did you receive salvation? (Genesis 15:6)

Is the Law still in effect for us today? (Matthew 5:17)

Why would it still be helpful for us today to read and learn about the Law?

THE ISSUE...

The problem with the Law: told them how to live well but they didn't have the

or to live that way.

DEUTERONOMY 5:29

“Oh that they had such a **heart** in them, that they would fear Me and keep all My commandments always, that it may be well with them and with their sons forever!”

DAVIDIC

Read 2 Samuel 7:10-16.

¹⁰“And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. ¹²When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, ¹⁵but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. ¹⁶And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.”

What are the three things God promised David? (verses 12 & 13)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

How is it similar to the promises for Abraham?

THE ISSUE...

God chose David's descendants to rule as the King of kings, but to experience the Davidic Covenant promises, his descendants must still the Law.

NEW COVENANT

Read Ezekiel 36:23-30. Here are verses 26-29.

²⁶“Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances. ²⁸You will live in the land that I gave to your forefathers; so you will be My people, and I will be your God. ²⁹Moreover, I will save you from all your uncleanness...”

What are the three promises of the New Covenant?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

How is it different than the other covenants?

One major difference with the New Covenant is that it did not begin YET. Read Malachi 4:1-6 together.

When did the New Covenant begin? (Luke 22:20)

Remember: God promises that a New Covenant is coming to give His people hope even in the darkest of days. The New Covenant is when God will fulfill all of His covenant promises to Israel!

THE ISSUE...

The New Covenant did not begin right when it was given but was put into effect hundreds of years later. We will look next week at how Jesus provides a way for us to participate in the New Covenant!

S U M M A R Y

Get with a partner and summarize each covenant in one sentence.

ABRAHAMIC

MOSAIC

DAVIDIC

NEW

APPLY

Looking back at the people and promises of God we've read so far, none of them encountered Jesus in their lifetime. They had faith in God and His plan for a Savior, even if they couldn't experience it now.

How have you responded to times of waiting in your own life?

Do you have faith in your purpose now, regardless of whether you'll get to see the result in your lifetime?

Choose a covenant and share with the group three reasons that you are thankful for it.

Choose a covenant and come back next week with three facts you learned about that covenant.



LESSON TWO

BECAUSE HE LIVES

REVIEW

What's something you learned about the covenants since last week?

Before we jump in, does someone remember the three things promised in the New Covenant?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

NOW JESUS ARRIVES AND IS...

to be king by genetics

Reading Matthew 1:1, what's the importance of this genealogy?

Read Luke 1:26-33 and 2 Samuel 7:13 side by side. As you look back to your notes on the Davidic covenant, what are the specific promises given to Jesus at His birth?

king by baptism

Reading Matthew 3:13-17, what's the importance of Jesus' baptism?

king by obedience

Reading Matthew 4:1-11, how does Jesus perfectly defend Himself against the temptations of Satan? What does this mean?

Jesus is Israel's long-awaited, perfect King, who is qualified by genetics, appointed by baptism, and proven by obedience. But remember, the New Covenant where Jesus fixes the ruin of sin doesn't begin until Jesus dies and rises (Luke 22:20).

So until then, the core of Jesus' message is ", the Kingdom of God is at hand." (Matthew 4:17).

What does "repent" mean?

Remember: Salvation is not through obedience or repentance to the Law. It is and always has been through faith alone. When we understand the heart of God, we repent out of gratitude; not out of fear of punishment or as a way to earn our salvation. Salvation is through faith alone! (Ephesians 2:8-9)

Read Matthew 5:48 and Matthew 7:13-14. How narrow is the narrow gate? How many people in history made it through the narrow gate?

Jesus gives Israel good news after all the bad news. Read Matthew 11:28-30. What does this mean for them?

Israel faced a choice: Jesus as or Him.

We know that Israel does not accept Jesus as King, He is destined for death on the cross, and it looks like God's plan has failed. But...

At the Cross God Gave Us...

FORGIVENESS OF SINS

EPHESIANS 1:7

“In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.”

NEW COVENANT

LUKE 22:20

“And in the same way He took the cup after they had eaten, saying, ‘This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood.’”

ETERNAL LIFE

HEBREWS 2:14-15

¹⁴“Since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death...He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.”

We know we can have these things, because Jesus ROSE!

Jesus' resurrection is like God's of payment. You don't get to freely walk out of the store with something unless you pay, and your payment goes through! We could never afford to pay for every bad action, thought, attitude, or behavior, but we never have to. Jesus took on your debt at the cross, and He doesn't ask you to repay Him for that kindness. You are in Christ! (Philippians 2:5-11)

Read Romans 6:20-23.

²⁰“For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹Therefore what benefit were you then deriving from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the outcome of those things is death. ²²But now having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

What are the actions and what are the outcomes of verse 21?

What are the actions and what are the outcomes of verse 22?

These verses tell us that because of Christ's finished work on the cross, we are all now freed from sin, bound to a loving God, and given eternal life. But we don't always experience those freedoms right now.

What is producing shame and death in your life right now? What steps can you take this week to let that go so that the Gospel can be unleashed in your life?

APPLY

Besides providing forgiveness, the New Covenant, and eternal life, how has Jesus' death and resurrection practically effected your own life? In other words, how is your day-to-day experience different because Jesus died and rose?

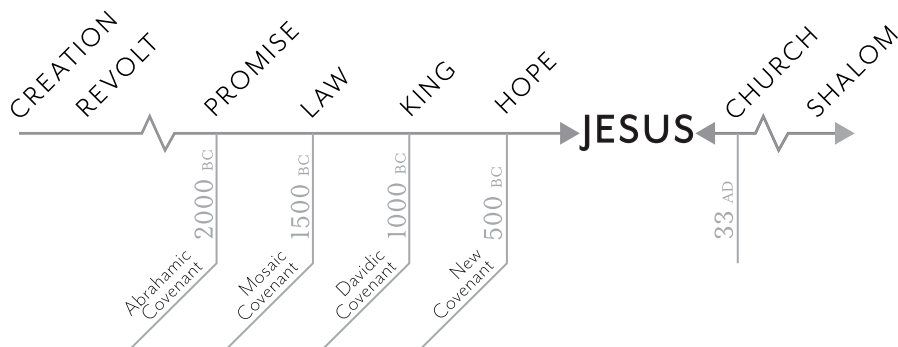
As you head toward Easter Sunday this year, how does what you've learned change or open your eyes to the Easter story in a new way?

Pray with someone about your desire (and concerns) to live a life worthy of being called a follower of Jesus (Romans 6).



APPENDIX

If you enjoyed this study and would like further study resources, please visit www.grace-bible.org/resources/sermons for Blake Jennings' Cover to Cover series. There are 3 podcasts and several handouts to guide you further through each covenant.



ABRAHAMIC

For further study and encouragement, read Genesis 11 & 12.
List the ways you personally have been blessed by Abraham.

MOSAIC

For further study and encouragement, read John 1:43-50.

What is the Law pointing to? (verse 45)

Pointing to Jesus, Son of Joseph

What did Philip do after he started following Jesus?

Went and told his friend who he met

Following Jesus means taking a step towards others and sharing what you have learned!

If you are like Philip, who is your Nathanael? If you do not have one that is okay. Pray that God provides an opportunity for you to meet someone new.

DAVIDIC

For further study and encouragement, read Psalm 89.

Read 1 Samuel 13:11-12 about King Saul and Psalm 51:1-4 about King David. Why did God take the throne from Saul but not David?

It's not about the GRAVITY of the sin, but the RESPONSE to conviction.

NEW

For further study and encouragement, read Jeremiah 31:31-34, Romans 3:21-26, and Philippians 2:5-11.

Listen and reflect on:

“Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery”

by Matt Papa, Matt Boswell, Michael Bleecker

VERSE 1

Come behold the wondrous mystery
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven’s praises
Robed in frail humanity

See the price of our redemption
See the Father’s plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured, love untold

In our longing, in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ, who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

VERSE 4

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e’er restrain Him
Praise the Lord; He is alive!

VERSE 2

Come behold the wondrous mystery
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living, in His suffering
Never trace nor stain of sin

What a foretaste of deliverance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when he comes

See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law; in Him we stand

What a foretaste of deliverance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when he comes

VERSE 3

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory



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