

## **Part 2 The Doctrine of Christ – Life of Christ & Miracles**

### **A. Timeline of the Life of Christ**

- Pre-incarnate state as God, Jesus has always existed:

**Colossians 1:17** And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

- Jesus did not begin in Bethlehem, he had no beginning, he is God.
- The Jehovah of the Old Testament is the Jesus of the New Testament.
- **Revelation 1:8** I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

- God robed himself in flesh and was born a man to a virgin girl in Bethlehem, the City of David:

#### **Matthew 1:20-23**

20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

- **Old Testament Prophecy** being referred to in the Gospel of Matthew comes from:

**Isaiah 7:14** Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

#### **Luke 2:1-7**

1 And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

2 (*And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.*)

3 And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

- **Old Testament prophecy** that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem:

**Micah 5:2** But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, *though* thou be little among the thousands of Judah, *yet* out of thee shall he come forth unto me *that is* to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth *have been* from of old, from everlasting.

- Jesus was circumcised on the 8<sup>th</sup> day as prescribed by the Covenant God made with Abraham and also was one of the Levitical laws of the Hebrews:

**Luke 2:21** And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

- **Genesis 17:12** And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every man child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which *is* not of thy seed.
- **Leviticus 12:2-3** Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a woman have conceived seed, and born a man child: then she shall be unclean seven days; according to the days of the separation for her infirmity shall she be unclean. 3 And in the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised.

- Jesus taken to Temple in Jerusalem at 12 years of age:

#### **Luke 2:41-48**

41 Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover.

42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast.

43 And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not *of it*.

44 But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among *their* kinsfolk and acquaintance.

45 And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him.

46 And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.

47 And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.

48 And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing.

- The Scriptures are silent on the life of Jesus between the ages of 12 – 29. Really, the only information we have about that time period is that he increased in wisdom and stature and that he worked as a carpenter:

**Luke 2:52** And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

**Mark 6:3** Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him.

- In a parallel verse in the Gospel of Matthew he is referred to as the “**carpenters son**,” indicating that his earthly father, Joseph, was of the carpenter trade. Both of these statements would be correct. Jesus more than likely picked up Joseph’s trade for himself, which he worked at until he was 30-years old.

**Matthew 13:55** Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas?

## **B. The Miracles of Jesus**

- Miracle is the setting aside of a lower law by a higher law.

- The definition of a **miracle** is – **a supernatural sign, mark, prodigy or token**.

- Jesus performed miracles to prove his deity and that men might believe in Him.

**1 Corinthians 1:22** For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:

- There are approximately 40 different recorded miracles listed in the Bible that Jesus performed.

- While the first miracle Jesus performed was technically the virgin birth, Scripture states that the beginning of his miracles started in Canaan when he turned water into wine.

### **John 2:1-11**

1 And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there:

2 And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage.

3 And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine.

4 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come.

5 His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do *it*.

6 And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece.

7 Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim.

8 And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare *it*.

9 When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom,

10 And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: *but* thou hast kept the good wine until now.

11 This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

- Jesus second miracle was the healing of nobleman’s son in Capernaum: John 4:46-54

### **John 4:46-54**

46 So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum.

- 47 When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judaea into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death.
- 48 Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe.
- 49 The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die.
- 50 Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way.
- 51 And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told *him*, saying, Thy son liveth.
- 52 Then enquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.
- 53 So the father knew that *it was* at the same hour, in the which Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth: and himself believed, and his whole house.
- 54 This *is* again the second miracle *that* Jesus did, when he was come out of Judaea into Galilee.

- Jesus performs miracles over nature:

**Matthew 8:23-27** And when he was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him. 24 And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep. 25 And his disciples came to *him*, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish. 26 And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and **rebuked the winds and the sea**; and there was a great calm. 27 But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!

- Jesus performs miracles that defy human laws:

**Matthew 14:25** And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.

- Jesus performs miracles over spiritual darkness such as devils and demons:

**Matthew 8:28-32** And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two **possessed with devils**, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way. 29 And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time? 30 And there was a good way off from them an herd of many swine feeding. 31 So the devils besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine. 32 And he said unto them, Go. And when they were come out, they went into the herd of swine: and, behold, the whole herd of swine ran violently down a steep place into the sea, and perished in the waters.

- Jesus performed miracles over diseases such as leprosy, withered hands, blinded eyes, paralysis and death:

**Matthew 8:1-3**: When he was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him. 2 And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. 3 And Jesus put forth *his* hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And **immediately his leprosy was cleansed**.

**Matthew 12:10-13** And, behold, there was a man which had **his hand withered**. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath days? that they might accuse him. 11 And he said unto them, What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift *it* out? 12 How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath days. 13 Then saith he to the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched *it* forth; **and it was restored whole**, like as the other.

**Matthew 9:27-30** And when Jesus departed thence, **two blind men** followed him, crying, and saying, *Thou* Son of David, have mercy on us. 28 And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord. 29 Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you. 30 And **their eyes were opened**; and Jesus straightly charged them, saying, See *that* no man know *it*.

**Matthew 9:1-7** And he entered into a ship, and passed over, and came into his own city. 2 And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the **palsy**, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee. 3 And, behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This *man* blasphemeth. 4 And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? 5 For whether is easier, to say, *Thy* sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk? 6 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) **Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house**. 7 And he arose, and departed to his house.

**Miracles over death:** John 11:43-44 (Lazarus), Matthew 9:23-25 (ruler's daughter), Luke 7:12-15 (widows son)

- List of Jesus' miracles as given in the Scriptures:

Miracle	Scripture
1. Born to a virgin	Matthew 1:18-25, Luke 1:26-38
2. Changes water into wine	John 2:1-11
3. Healing of the nobleman's son	John 4:46-54
4. Healing of the Capernaum man with unclean spirit	Mark 1:21-28, Luke 4:33-37
5. Healing of Peter's mother-in-law	Matthew 8:14-15, Mark 1:29-31, Luke 4:38-39
6. Healing the sick during the evening	Matt 8:16, Mark 1:32, Luke 4:40
7. Catching a multitude of fishes	Luke 5:3-10
8. Healing a leper	Matthew 8:1-4; Mark 1:40-45; Luke 5:12-15
9. Miracle of healing a centurion's servant	Matthew 8:5-13, Luke 7:1-10
10. Healing a man with the palsy	Matthew 9:1-8, Mark 2:1-12, Luke 5:18-26
11. Healing a withered hand	Matthew 12:9-14, Mark 3:1-6, Luke 6:6-10
12. Raising a widow's son	Luke 7:11-17
13. Calming the storm	Matthew 8:23-27, Mark 4:35-41, Luke 8:22-25
14. Healing the Gergasene man possessed by devils	Matthew 8:28-32, Mark 5:1-13, Luke 8:26-33
15. Healing a woman with issue of blood	Matthew 9:20-22, Mark 5:25-34, Luke 8:43-48
16. Raising Jairus' daughter	Matthew 9:18-19, 23-25; Mark 5:22-24, 35-43; Luke 8:41-42, 49-56
17. Healing two blind men	Matthew 9:27-31
18. Healing a dumb man possessed by devils	Matthew 9:32-33
19. Healing a 38 year old impotent man	John 5:1-17
20. Feeding 5000 men and their families	Matthew 14:16-21, Mark 6:35-44, Luke 9:12-17, John 6:5-14
21. Walking on water	Matthew 14:22-33, Mark 6:45-52, John 6:16-21
22. Healing diseased people in Gennesaret	Matthew 14:34-36; Mark 6:53-56
23. Healing a girl possessed by a devil	Matthew 15:21-28, Mark 7:24-30
24. Healing a deaf man with a speech impediment	Mark 7:31-37
25. Feeding the 4,000 men and their families	Matthew 15:29-39, Mark 8:1-10
26. Healing a blind man	Mark 8:22-26
27. Healing a man born blind	John 9:1-41
28. Healing a lunatic boy possessed by devils	Matthew 17:14-20, Mark 9:17-29, Luke 9:37-43
29. Catching a fish with a coin in its mouth	Matthew 17:24-27
30. Healing a blind and dumb man who was devil possessed	Matthew 12:22-23, Luke 11:14
31. Healing a woman with an 18-year spirit of infirmity	Luke 13:10-13
32. Healing a man with dropsy	Luke 14:1-6
33. Healing 10 lepers	Luke 17:11-19
34. Raising of Lazarus	John 11:1-44
35. Healing Bartimaeus of blindness	Matthew 20:29-34, Mark 10:46-52, Luke 18:35-43
36. Jesus curses the fig tree with no fruit	Matthew 21:18-22; Mark 11:12-14, 20-25
37. Restoring a severed ear	Luke 22:45-54
38. The resurrection of Jesus	1 Corinthians 15, Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, John 20
39. Catching 153 fish	John 21:4-11
40. The ascension of Jesus	Acts 1:1-11

**C. Conclusion**

- Jesus life on earth can be summarized in the words of **Acts 10:38**: *How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.*
- Jesus left us an example that we should follow in everything. **1 Peter 2:21-22** *For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: 22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:*
- Christ came to do God's will and so should we: **John 8:29** *And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him. And in Hebrews 10:7* *Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.*