

Christology

Lesson 1

Study Notes

The Study of the Life of Christ

His Preexistence and Pre-appearances.

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Text: John 21:25.

John 21:25 And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.

Introduction: The term "Christology" (from Greek Christos meaning "_____ " or "Christ") refers to the study of Christ. It often includes such topics as the preexistence and eternality of Christ, Old Testament prophecies about Christ, Christ's humanity, deity, and incarnation, as well as the issue of his temptations and sinlessness, his death, resurrection, ascension and exaltation, return, three-fold office, as prophet, priest and king. The Old Testament opens up with man being made in the _____ (Gen. 1:26). The New Testament begins with God made in the _____ (Matt. 1:23). In the Old Testament we see the sheep dying for the shepherd (Gen. 4:2, 4). In the New Testament we read of the Shepherd dying for the sheep (John 10:11).

In this study we will attempt to examine the life of Christ; however, as the text states there is no exhausting His life, when the world itself could not contain the books that should be written about Him.

The prophecies and promises of the manifestation of Christ as the Redeemer-Messiah are interwoven in _____ Scriptures from the first promise of Him given to Adam (Genesis 3:15), right on to the last promise of His ultimate glory as "the Sun of Righteousness" (Malachi 4: 2).

Gen 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Malachi 4:2 But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.

Every single human being since the time of Adam till now shares one vital thing in common. Their purpose if life down here and their eternal destiny afterwards depends completely upon their personal _____ with the Lord Jesus Christ. It is therefore absolutely impossible to overemphasize the importance of His life.

Food for thought:

To the artist He is the One Altogether Lovely (Song of Solomon 5:16)

To the architect He is the Chief Cornerstone (I Peter 2:6)

To the astronomer He is the Sun of Righteousness (Malachi 4:2)

To the baker He is the Bread of Life (John 6:35)
To the banker He is the Hidden Treasure (Matthew 13:44)
To the builder He is the Sure Foundation (Isaiah 28:16)
To the carpenter He is the Door (John 10:7)
To the doctor He is the Great Physician (Jeremiah 8:22)
To the educator He is the New and Living Way (Hebrews 10:20)
To the farmer He is the Sower and the Lord of the Harvest (Luke 10:2)
To the geologist He is the Tried Stone; Rock of Ages (Isaiah 28:16)
To the historian He is the Ancient of Days (Daniel 7:9)
To the industrialist He is the Faithful Servant (Matthew 20:28)
To the jeweler He is the Precious Stone (I Peter 2:6)
To the lawyer He is the Advocate-Mediator (I John 2:1)
To the mortician He is the Resurrection and the Life (John 11:25)
To the nurseryman He is the True Vine (John 15:1)
To the pharmacist He is the Balm of Gilead (Jeremiah 8:22)
To the scientist He is the Creator of all Things (Colossians 1:16)
To the theologian He is the Author and Finisher of our Faith (Hebrews 12:2)
To the United Nations He is Peace (Ephesians 2:14)
To the warrior He is a Shield (Psalm 3:3)
To the zoologist He is the Lion of the Tribe of Judah (Revelation 5:5)

I. The Preexistence of Jesus Christ as God.

A. Taught by _____.

Joh 1:29-30 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. 30 This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me.

B. Taught by the Apostle _____.

John 1:1-2 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God.

C. Taught by the Apostle _____.