Lesson #

Christology-Christ’s Earthly Life and His Ministry

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\* In this lesson we are going to discuss the actual earthly life of Jesus Christ and His ministry, as recorded in the word of God. Just to remind the student, these lessons are Bible based and true to the Bible. You are encouraged to search these lessons along side the Holy Scriptures and validate them. These lessons are not intended to be an assumption of what the Bible says about the subjects studied, but what the Bible actually say’s.

\* When we study Christology proper, we are studying the very center and heart of the Bible. We are studying the person and work of God’s King Messiah the Lord Jesus Christ, unto whom all power in heaven and in earth is given.

“That at the n \_ \_ \_ o \_ J \_ \_ \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ k \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ \_, of things i \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and things i \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_, and things u \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_; And that e \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ should

c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ that Jesus Christ is Lord, tithe glory of God the Father.” ***Philippians 2:10, 11***

\* We the saved, no matter where you are placed and fitted in the Lord’s Body have a tremendous advantage and great blessing when we consider it. We are not like all other religions and false Christianity’s in the world. They have no idea where or how their religion is going to end up. We do! We have THE FINAL AUTHORITY on our side. We know, that, believe the word of God, that eventually (that is either here or at the Judgment Seat of Christ or at the White Throne Judgment) every knee shall bend, every head shall bow, and every tongue shall confess that all their so-called gods are fakes, and Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father. Eventually, there will be only one “religion” in the world.

\* When we speak of matters of Christology-studying the life and person, and work of the Lord Jesus Christ- we are dealing with the very heart of revelation itself.

“While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is m \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ S \_ \_, in whom I a \_ w \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_; h \_ \_ \_

y \_ h \_ \_.” ***Revelation 17:5***

\* Look at this momentous confession the Lord made Himself of Himself.

“And Jesus came and s \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_, saying, A \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ is g \_ \_ \_ \_

u \_ \_ \_ m \_ in h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and in e \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Matthew 28:18***

\* The devil, governments, Adolph Hitler, Nero, Tiberius, or any other authority or power cannot be, except it be under the permissive will and power of the Lord Jesus Christ.

“Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For t \_ \_ \_ \_ is n \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ \_ o \_ G \_ \_: the powers that be are o \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ G \_ \_.” ***Romans 13:1***

\* Dealing with the life of Jesus Christ: He is the only man who ever lived, who had four parts to His life.

1. First, He had His **Pre-Incarnate State as God**, existing in the Trinity. He was before all things.

“Who is the image of the invisible God, the f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of e \_ \_ \_ \_

c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: For b \_ h \_ \_ were a \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_h \_ \_, and f \_ \_ h \_ \_:And h \_ is b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and b \_ h \_ \_ all things consist.” ***Colossians 1:15- 17***

He is the head over all things. In His pre-incarnate state, the Lord Jesus Christ was back in the confines of eternity with God the Father. He is the word of God.

1. In the second part of His life **He was born of a virgin**. He was begotten as a “Son of Man” with two natures. He lived on this earth a sinless life and died a sinless death.

“Therefore the L \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin

shall conceive, and b \_ \_ \_ a s \_ \_, and shall call h \_ \_ name I \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.”

***Isaiah 7:14***

1. In the third part of His life, after rising from the dead, **He inhabits the bodies of millions of believers** in the person of the Holy Spirit (who is said to be the “Lord”), who came to testify and magnify Jesus Christ Himself (***John 15*** and ***16***) and who guides and leads them into all truth.

“Now the L \_ \_ \_ is t \_ \_ \_ S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: and where the Spirit of the Lord is,

there is liberty.” ***2 Corinthians 3:17***

1. In the fourth part of His life **He will return to this earth as “King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.”** He will come as King Messiah, and He will sit down in the Davidic, Messianic, Jewish throne of a political kingdom in Palestine.



“And h \_ h \_ \_ \_ o \_ h \_ \_ v \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and o \_ h \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ a n \_ \_ \_ written, K \_ \_ \_

OF KINGS, AND L \_ \_ \_ OF LORDS.” ***Revelation 19:16***

\* *Before creation’s morning*, back in the confines of eternity, He was the greatest **Creator** who ever lived, the greatest **Artist** who ever lived, and the greatest **Musician** who ever lived. His Creation manifested His works.

“The heavens d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_ of God; and the firmament s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

h \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Psalms 19:1***

\* *Before the Lord’s incarnate existence*, He was the greatest **Writer** that ever lived, having written thirty-nine Old Testament books by twenty-four authors through a period of fifteen hundred years on three different continents.

\* *When He came to earth and walked upon this earth*, He was the greatest **Doctor** that ever lived, healing without splints, compresses, oxygen tents, or hospitals. He was the greatest **Preacher** who ever lived.

“The men of Nineve shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for they repented at the p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ J \_ \_ \_ \_; and, behold, a g \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ J \_ \_ \_ \_

i \_ h \_ \_ \_.” ***Luke 11:32***

He was also the greatest **Lover** that ever lived, loving us and giving Himself to die for our sins.

“For if, w \_ \_ \_ w \_ w \_ \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, we were r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ G \_ \_ by t \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ h \_ \_ S \_ \_, much more, being reconciled, we shall be s \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ h \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_.”

***Romans 5:10***

He was also the greatest **Soldier** who ever lived. He went through thirty-three years of His life knowing He was going to face a miserable death at the hands of torturers, knowing that He was going to die a brutal, cruel death on the cross. Look what the Scripture says.

“And it came to pass, when the t \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ that he should b \_

r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_, he s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ h \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ to go to Jerusalem,” ***Luke 9:51***

He never swerved from the right hand or to the left hand until the day they nailed Him up.

“Thou therefore e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, as a g \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of Jesus Christ.”

***2 Timothy 2:3***

What an example of practicing what you preach, aye? You want to talk about enduring hardness! He did!

\* *Then He rose from the dead.* In this present age, He is the greatest **Teacher** that ever lived. He teaches and guides into truth.

“Howbeit when h \_, t \_ \_ S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_, is come, he will g \_ \_ \_ \_ y \_ \_ into a \_ \_

t \_ \_ \_ \_: for he shall n \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ of h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_; but whatsoever h \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_, that

 s \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_: and he will shew you things to come. He shall g \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ m \_: for he shall receive o \_ m \_ \_ \_, and shall s \_ \_ \_ itu \_ \_ \_ y \_ \_.” ***John 16:13,14***

He is the greatest **Detective** who ever lived. The Holy Spirit is able to track down any sinner and bring him under the bond of the covenant, find out his sin, and convict him of sin, righteousness, and judgment. He is the greatest **Politician** that ever lived. He opens doors that politicians can’t open, and He closes doors so that nobody can open them.

\* *Someday, Jesus Christ will come back to this earth as “King of Kings and Lord of Lords.* When he comes back, He will be the greatest **King** who ever lived-the greatest **Monarch** and the greatest **Dictator** the world has ever seen, ruling this earth with rod of iron.

“For t \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ shall b \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ with t \_ \_ k \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of the g \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_

L \_ \_ \_, as the waters cover the sea.” ***Habakkuk 2:14***

When the Lord Jesus Christ comes back, Asia, Africa, Europe, North, Central and South America, the Arctic, the Antarctic, and the Islands of the sea will be subject to His name.

“Let t \_ \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_ unto t \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_, and d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ in the

i \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.”***Isaiah 42:12***

\* Now, the *birth of Jesus Christ on this earth* (in the second part of His life*) was by the virgin Mary.* It is recorded in ***Matthew*** and ***Luke***, but was prophesied in ***Genesis 3:15.***

“And I will put enmity between thee and t \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_, and between

thy s \_ \_ \_ and h \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_; i \_ shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise

h \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_.” ***Genesis 3:15***

\* *Jesus was circumcised* at the age of eight days.

“And when e \_ \_ \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ were accomplished for t \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_

c \_ \_ \_ \_, his name was called J \_ \_ \_ \_, which was so named of the

angel b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ he w \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ in the womb.” ***Luke 2:21***

Mary, recognizing the fact that she was a sinner, under the law (***Leviticus 12***) had to go to the temple and offer a purification for her sins, as a sinner.

“And when t\_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ o \_ h \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ according to t \_ \_ l \_ \_ of

Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to

present him to the Lord;” ***Luke 2:22***

Mary plainly confessed that she was a sinner exactly like anybody else.

\* *Jesus grew and was taken to the temple at Jerusalem when He was twelve years of age.*

“And the c \_ \_ \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him. Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of thePassover.And w \_ \_ \_ h \_ w \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ y \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ \_, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast.” ***Luke 2:40-42***

These are the twelve silent years of Jesus’ life in which the Scriptures tell us nothing. There are those that have written things claiming to know something about the twelve childhood years of Jesus. But according to God’s word He has chosen to be silent and not tell us anything. We must remember that where the Lord has chosen to be silent, it was for a reason, and it should be respected as just as inspired as the written and revealed Scripture is. The Lord chose to pass over twelve years of His Son’s life as silent and that is as it should remain.

Where God is silent!

“B \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, O a \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_, b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_: for he is raised up out of

his holy habitation.” ***Zechariah 2:13***

\* *The early years of Jesus’ life were spent as a carpenter in Nazareth.*

“I \_ n \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, 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.” ***Mark 6:3***

From then on (from the time He was twelve until eighteen years later, when He appeared publicly at the ministry of John the Baptist), nothing is said more than is found in ***Matthew***, ***Mark***, ***Luke*** and ***John***.

\* *Jesus began His earthly ministry* around Judaea, Samaria, and Galilee, a period that lasted about six months. He was baptized by John the Baptist, and immediately following His baptism, He was driven into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

“Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that J \_ \_ \_ \_ also b \_ \_ \_ \_

b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and praying, the heaven was opened, And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased. And Jesus himself began to be a \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ y \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ a \_ \_, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, which was the son of Heli,” ***Luke 3:21-23***

“And he w \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_i \_ t \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ forty days, t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ S \_ \_ \_ \_;

and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto him.” ***Mark 1:13***

Jesus’ first miracle was performed at Cana of Galilee. ***John 2:1-11***

Jesus’ second miracle performed in Cana was the healing of the nobleman’s son performed in Capernaum. ***John 4:46-54*** These are the first recorded miracles recorded in His Galilean ministry.

\* *The second stage of Jesus’ ministry*, covered a period of six to eight months in Capernaum and Galilee where He performed miracles, healed the sick, and preached the gospel.

\* *The third stage of Jesus’ earthly life* is what is called “the later Galilean ministry,” lasting about a year, in and around Galilee. Crowds followed Him, and He preached the Sermon on the Mount there (the record in ***Mathew 5***, ***6*** and ***7***).

\* *In the next stage of His ministry*, the Pharisees hounded Him up and down the country to seek His life while He traveled around Bethsada, Capernaum, Phoenicia, Caesarea, Philippi and finally reentered Galilee.

\* *In the last six months,* we find the Lord preaching, teaching, and traveling in a Judean ministry.

\* *The last week*, on Palm Sunday, we have the last supper near Gethsemane, the trials of the Pharisees, Herod and Pilate, and His death by the cross.

\* *Three Days later*, according to prophecy, Jesus rose from the dead with over five hundred eyewitnesses to testify to the facts thereof.

\* *The next forty days* He spent eating, sleeping, talking, and fellowshipping with His disciples.

\* *Finally*, He ascended visibly and bodily into heaven.

**\* His earthly life lasted exactly thirty-three and one-half years, with His birth coming at the Feast of Tabernacles in the fall (not December 25, the birthday of Baal, the sun god). It then runs half a year from September-October to March-April, and then runs through three Passovers, with the Lord Jesus Christ Himself being the fourth Passover. In John’s Gospel, you will find four feasts of the Passovermentioned and the Lord Jesus Christ Himself being the fourth (***John 12, 13, 14***), indicating that Christ’s ministry began in the fall and ended in the spring: a period of forty-two months or 1260 days (three and one-half years).

\* The Life of the Lord Jesus Christ can be summarized in these words.

“How G \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ J \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ N \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ with the H \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_ \_ \_ and with

p \_ \_ \_ \_: who went about d \_ \_ \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_, and h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ that were

o \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of the devil; for God w \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_.” ***Acts 10:38***

\* The Lord Jesus Christ left the Christian an example to follow in His suffering and afflictions.

“For even hereunto w \_ \_ \_ y \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: because Christ also suffered for

us, l \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ us a \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, that y \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_h \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_:”

***1 Peter 2:21***

\* The Apostle Paul also left us with Scripture as to the will of God for the Christian’s life in this dispensation.

“Howbeit f \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ I obtained mercy, that i \_ m \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ Jesus

Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, f \_ \_ a p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ t \_ \_ \_

w \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ on him to life everlasting.”

***1 Timothy 1:16***

Christ’s Earthly Life and His Ministry. Amen.