

Questions for further study ... Oct 18th '09

The message unveiled

Themes through the Bible ... "Jesus"

1. Read John 5:39-40, then check out some (or all!) of these Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah (Deliverer) that Jesus fulfilled. Look at what each says & consider how Jesus fulfilled them.

Micah 5:2-5a; Isaiah 9:6-7; Daniel 7:13-14; Zechariah 9:9; 2 Samuel 7:12-16; Psalm 132:11; Jeremiah 23:5,6; Jeremiah 33:15; Isaiah 11:1; Numbers 24:17; Isaiah 7:14; Psalm 110:1; Isaiah 9:6; Jeremiah 23:6; Isaiah 49:6; Zechariah 9:9; Isaiah 53:4-6, 7-8, 10-12; Isaiah 61; Isaiah 35:5-6; Psalm 78:2; Isaiah 42:6; Isaiah 49:6; Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 22:77-8, 16-18; Psalm 41:9; Zechariah 11:12; Isaiah 50:6; Psalm 34:19-20; Zechariah 12:10; Psalm 16:10; Psalm 49:15; Psalm 68:18.

What is your response to this evidence of God's planning for Jesus to come as our Saviour?

2. Look through Peter's sermon in Acts 2:14- 41, to see how important it was to the early Christians to use the Old Testament as a way of convincing people about who Jesus was. Contrast this with Acts 17:22-28 (Paul's address to a non-Jewish audience in Athens.) What does Paul use as his starting point in helping people understand about Jesus? What starting points can we use to introduce people to Jesus? Can you give some examples from your own experience?

3. The themes we're going to follow through the Bible over the next few weeks are: Jesus, Covenant, God's presence, Kingdom, Worship & Salvation.

Make a note of any references to these that you come across in your Bible reading over the next few weeks.

What other themes could we have looked at?

Continue to pray that God's word would come alive to us as we read.