

What a Way to go!

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1. The eager expectation of Jesus

- ▼ **The Old Testament is a collection of 39 books written by God-inspired authors over a period of a thousand years (1440-430 BC) for the purpose of revealing God.**
- ▼ **The prophetic prowess, historical accuracy, spiritual unity, and validation of the Old Testament by Jesus demonstrate it to be supernatural and authoritative.**
- ▼ **Contained in the Old Testament are hundreds of bold specific prophecies about the coming of a Savior who would be sent by and from God into human history.**
- ▼ **Those prophecies were fulfilled in detail in Jesus of Nazareth—prophecies about his birth, ministry, betrayal, suffering, death, resurrection, and ascension.**

Isaiah 7:14 The Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

Micah 5:2 "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah...out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."

Psalm 22:1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?

Isaiah 53:5 he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

Psalm 16:9 my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, 10 because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay.

Psalm 68:18 When you ascended on high, you led captives in your train; you received gifts from men, even from the rebellious—that you, O LORD God, might dwell there.

2. The earlier eternal existence of Jesus

- ▼ **Jesus lived with his Heavenly Father through eternity past, without beginning, before the creation of the universe, and before he was born into this world.**
- ▼ **As such, Jesus was, is, and always has been God the Son—existing eternally with God the Father and God the Holy Spirit.**

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made;

John 16:28 I came from the Father and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father."

John 17:5 And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

3. The earthly entrance of Jesus

- ▼ **Jesus, made human and placed in Mary's womb by the Holy Spirit, was born into this world as the Son of God in the flesh—both fully God and fully human.**

Matthew 1:20 "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

Luke 1:35 "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.

John 1:14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

4. The earthly enterprises of Jesus

- ▼ **Jesus of Nazareth lived for 33 years, spending most of his life in Galilee and Judea. His last three-and-a-half years were spent in powerful public ministry.**

Sinless 1 Peter 2:22 "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

Supernatural Mark 4:41 They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

Sympathetic Mark 1:41 Filled with compassion, Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" 42 Immediately the leprosy left him

Sermonizing Matthew 7:28 the crowds were amazed at his teaching, 29 because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

5. The excruciating execution of Jesus

- ▼ **At 33 years old, Jesus was rejected, betrayed, tried, and crucified through the combined efforts of the Jewish religious establishment and the Roman military.**
- ▼ **But the death of Jesus was ultimately the purpose of his coming to this world—his death would pay the price for the forgiveness of sins for all who would believe.**

Voluntary John 10:18 No one takes my life from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again.

Vicious and violent Mark 15:24 And they crucified him.

Vicarious 1 Corinthians 15:3 For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried,

Victorious John 19:30 When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

6. The everlasting exaltation of Jesus

- ▼ **The death of Jesus on the cross was not the end. After his body lay for three days and nights in the tomb, Jesus rose from the dead and ascended to heaven.**
- ▼ **From heaven, at the Father's right hand, the resurrected and glorified Jesus reigns as King of kings and Lord of lords and serves as Savior to all who will believe.**

Arisen and alive Mark 16:6 "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here.

Appeared alive Acts 1:3 After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive...over a period of forty days

Appeared again 1 Corinthians 15:5 he appeared to Peter...to the Twelve. 6 ...to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time... 7 ...to James, then to all the apostles,

Ascended Acts 1:9 After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

Affirmed and acclaimed Romans 1:4 who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.

Almighty Hebrews 1:3 After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

Applauded and adored Revelation 5:12 "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"

Absolving and adopting Romans 10:9 if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Adjudicating 2 Timothy 4:1 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom,

Appearing again Acts 1:11 This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.

7. The essentiality of embracing Jesus exclusively

- ▼ **Jesus declared himself to be a gift of God's great love—given to the whole world so that everyone might choose to believe and have eternal life.**

John 3:16 God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

- ▼ **Jesus declared himself and his work of salvation to be the only access to God and the only access to heaven and eternal life.**

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- ▼ **The Apostle Peter preached that Jesus is the only source of salvation under heaven.**

Acts 4:12 Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.

- ▼ **The Gospel of John declares that receiving and believing in Jesus is the only path to becoming children of God.**

John 1:12 Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—

- ▼ **The Scriptures define the One true living God as "the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ"—there is no "God" separate from Jesus and his truth.**

1 Peter 1:3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ

1 Corinthians 8:6 for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came

- ▼ **The Apostle John declared that a spirit of antichrist is at work in the world, waging spiritual warfare against the true gospel of Jesus Christ.**

1 John 4:3 every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

- ▼ **The Apostle Paul was grieved at the presence of so many false religions in the heathen world.**

Acts 17:16 While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols.

- ▼ **The Book of Revelation warns that all whose names are not written in the Lamb's book of life will be thrown into the lake of fire, which is the second death.**

Revelation 20:15 If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

- ▼ **The Psalmist David wrote prophetically of the foolishness, futility, and fatality of resisting God's anointed Son.**

Psalm 2:12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry and you be destroyed in your way, for his wrath can flare up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

- ▼ **The Apostle John warned against entertaining false teachers and their deception.**

2 John 10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not take him into your house or welcome him. 11 Anyone who welcomes him shares in his wicked work.

- ▼ **The Bible extends the invitation to believe in Jesus and be saved to the whole world—and charges Christians to take the good news everywhere.**

Mark 16:15 "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 16:31 "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household."

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

Luke 10:2 He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.