

SEPT 15, 2019

A PERSON: THE JESUS YEARS

Then the LORD told Abram, "Leave your country, your relatives, and your father's house, and go to the land that I will show you. I will cause you to become the father of a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous and I will make you a blessing to others. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you. All the families of the earth will be blessed through you." (Gen 12:1-3)

*The promise is fulfilled through a \_\_\_\_\_ –  
\_\_\_\_\_;*  
Matt 5:17; Luke 24:27; John 5:39

1. Jesus made a relationship with God  
\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.  
Luke 11:46; 19:10; John 10:10; Gal 3:7-9; 3:26-29; Eph 2:8

2. Jesus demonstrated what " \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ " looks like.  
Corrupted expressions of the promise

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_: Rigorously followed traditions and practices that set them apart from society.
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_: The sophisticated, wealthy and pedigreed who sought advantage in society.
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_: Sought to overthrow society through armed resistance and guerrilla warfare.
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_: Withdrew from society choosing to live in monastic communities.

3. Jesus established the entity that would  
represent the promise to the world  
– \_\_\_\_\_ . Matt 16:13-18

*The church that is \_\_\_\_\_ on  
Jesus Christ and \_\_\_\_\_ the calling to  
be a blessing to the world is \_\_\_\_\_.*

## TALK IT OVER

Talking through the message during the week can really help clarify the things that God is teaching you and let others learn from your experiences. Get with someone this week and talk about your answers to the following questions:

What thought from the message was most helpful to you?

In your own words, how does Jesus fulfill the Abrahamic promise?

Read Galatians 3:7-9, 26-29. What does Paul say about how being a Christian makes us recipients of the same promise given to Abraham? How does that apply to you in everyday life?

In what ways have you been tempted to live a "withdraw and wait" strategy when it comes to your faith? How does realizing that Jesus fulfills the promise of God affect your perspective?

In what ways is the gospel foundational to your life right now? Family? Your church?

What questions remain for you about how Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promise?

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*The promise is fulfilled through a PERSON – JESUS CHRIST:*

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### 1. Jesus made a relationship with God ACCESSIBLE to EVERYONE.

Luke 11:46; 19:10; John 10:10; Gal 3:7-9; 3:26-29; Eph 2:8

### 2. Jesus demonstrated what "LIVING OUT THE PROMISE" looks like.

#### Corrupted expressions of the promise

- 1) PHARISEES: Rigorously followed traditions and practices that set them apart from society.
- 2) SADDUCEES: The sophisticated, wealthy and pedigreed who sought advantage in society.
- 3) ZEALOTS: Sought to overthrow society through armed resistance and guerrilla warfare.
- 4) ESSENES: Withdrew from society choosing to live in monastic communities.

### 3. Jesus established the entity that would represent the promise to the world – THE CHURCH. Matt 16:13-18

*The church that is HUMBLY ESTABLISHED on  
Jesus Christ and LIVES OUT the calling to be  
a blessing to the world is UNSTOPPABLE.*

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