



GOD'S PLAN FOR JESUS' LIFE

JESUS COMES AND OFFERS THE KINGDOM

(Matt 4:17–12:50)

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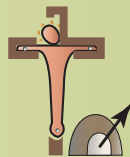
God's plan for Jesus was made, prophesied, and announced before His birth (Dan 7:14; Lk 1:32–33)

JEWISH AGE

2

God's Plan For Jesus During His First Advent

obey parents (Lk 2:51), grow spiritually (Lk 2:40, 52), work for a living (Mk 6:3), head of the house when His father dies, no ministry until about thirty years old (Lk 3:23), poverty (Lk 9:58), celibacy, evangelize (Jn 3:1–21), baptize (Jn 4:1–2), anoint with the Spirit (Lk 3:22; 4:1, 14, 18), preach (Mk 1:14), teach (Mt 4:23), be a King (Mt 2:2; Lk 23:3; Jn 1:49), offer the Kingdom (Mt 4:17), live by faith, exercise authority over heaven and earth (Mt 28:18; Jn 3:35), do good works (Jn 10:32), do miracles (Mt 4:24), forgive sins (Mk 2:5–12), please God (Jn 8:29), engage in spiritual warfare (Mt 4:1–11; 1 Jn 3:8), be tempted and tested (Heb 2:18; 4:15), rejection (Mt 12:24), overcome burnout (Isa 49:4), overcome the world (Jn 16:33), early death, crucifixion (Jn 19:18), martyrdom (Acts 2:23), conquer death (Heb 2:14), provide salvation (Lk 19:10; Jn 12:47)



ASCENSION



Session on the FATHER'S THRONE (Ps 110:1; Rev 3:21)

JESUS IS REJECTED AND GOES INTO EXILE

(Matt 25:14–30; Luke 19:11–27)

CHURCH AGE AND TRIBULATION

3

God's Plan For Jesus During The Church Age And Tribulation

exalted and given the highest name in heaven and on earth (Phil 2:9–11), head of the Church (Eph 1:22; 5:23; Col 1:18), daily manages local churches (Rev 2–3) high priestly ministry, (Heb 4:14–15; 6:20; 8:1), marries His bride (Rev 19:7), judges and rewards the saints (1 Cor 3:12–15; 2 Cor 5:10), receives the title deed of the earth (Rev 5:1–10)

SECOND COMING



Seated on DAVID'S THRONE (Rev 3:21)

JESUS RETURNS TO RULE

(Matt 24:29–30; Rev 19:11–21)

MILLENNIAL KINGDOM

4

God's Plan For Jesus During The Millennium

returns to conquer his enemies and take possession of the earth (Rev 19:11–21), sits on David's Throne (Psa 110:2; Rev 3:21), judges the sheep and goats (Mt 25:31–46), rules the world for 1000 years (Rev 20:4), judges all unbelievers at the Great White Throne (Rev 20:11–15), delivers His Kingdom to His Father and subordinates Himself to Him (1 Cor 15:24, 28)

JESUS RULES FOREVER

(Rev 22:1–5)

ETERNAL KINGDOM

5

God's Plan For Jesus For Eternity

Jesus and God the Father both rule over the new earth forever (Rev 22:1–5)



Attitude: Jesus was given specific works to do: "the works which the Father has given Me to accomplish, the very works that I do" (Jn 5:36). And He did the will of his Father perfectly: "For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me" (Jn 6:38). "I do nothing on My own initiative, but I speak these things as the Father taught Me" (Jn 8:28). He accomplished everything God wanted him to accomplish: "I glorified You on the earth, having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do" (Jn 17:4). God's plan for his life included indescribable suffering and incredible benefits: "seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow" (1 Pet 1:11). "Now My soul has become troubled; and what shall I say, 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour" (Jn 12:27). "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will" (Mt 26:39). "For the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God" (Heb 12:2).

Application: And what about you? God also has a plan for your life that continues beyond the grave. God's plan for you includes salvation (1 Tim 2:4), spiritual growth (1 Pet 2:2; 2 Pet 3:18), how long you will live (Psa 139:16; Mt 6:27), your service for Him (1 Cor 15:58), specific good works (Eph 2:10), spiritual gifts to accomplish these good works (1 Cor 12:7), laying up treasure in heaven (1 Tim 6:18–19), a holy and blameless life (Eph 1:4), fellowship with God (1 Jn 1:9), walking in the Spirit (Eph 5:18), walking by faith (2 Cor 5:7; Heb 11:6), pleasing God (Col 1:10), being tempted and tested (1 Cor 10:13; Rev 2:10), engaging in spiritual warfare (2 Cor 10:3–6; 2 Tim 4:7), overcoming the world, the flesh, and the Devil (Rom 8:37; Rev 2–3), eternal life (Rev 13:8; 17:8; 20:15), and receiving an inheritance, glory, honor, and rewards (Rom 2:10; Col 3:24; 1 Pet 1:4; Rev 2:10). Remember, "You are not your own" (1 Cor 6:19). Now don't ever think God's plan will be easy: "I will show him how much he must suffer for My name's sake" (Acts 9:16). "I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need" (Phil 4:11–12). Count the cost first (Lk 14:28–29). It's possible to reject God's plan for your life (Lk 7:30). Here's the bottom line: You can fulfill *your* plan for your life or *God's* plan for your life. The choice is yours. There will be a consequent loss or gain of blessings and rewards in this life and in the next. How much of God's plan do you want to accomplish in your lifetime? Can you say with Paul: "in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thess 5:18)? Can you agree with Peter: "For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps" (1 Pet 2:21). And can you apply these words of Jesus: "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to accomplish His work" (Jn 4:34)? Or "I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me" (Jn 5:30)? You can if you wish . . . just say: "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me" (Phil 4:13). Let your life bring glory to God (Mt 5:16).