

Walking with God Session Eleven

Chapter 11: Messianic Fulfillment



Reflect:

- God brought salvation to the world through Jesus Christ. Is the New Covenant a new religion or the fulfillment of the Old Covenant?
- The prophet Daniel foresaw the Messiah after the tyranny of four beasts. According to the text, who were these five beasts? Which was the worst?
- Which of the words used to describe Caesar Augustus and King Herod were taken up by the Christians to describe Jesus?

Act One: A King is Born

- What kind of a man was Herod the Great?
- How does the Archangel Gabriel reveal God's long-term plan?
- Matthew begins and ends his gospel with what message?
- How does St. Luke portray Mary as the Ark of the New Covenant?
- Do the parallels shown in the text between the Archangel Gabriel, Mary, and Joseph help you to see God's love story throughout all salvation history?
Could these parallels increase your faith and help you to "wait upon the Lord"?



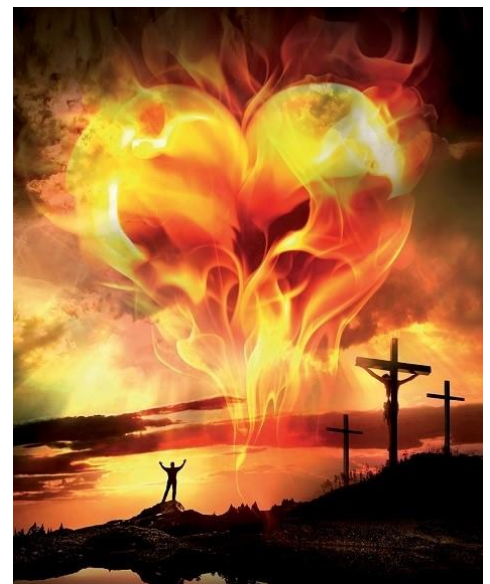
Act Two: Jesus' Public Ministry

- Why does John baptize at the River Jordan?
- Why does Jesus submit to a baptism of repentance?
- How does King David foreshadow Jesus?
- What is a Jubilee Year? How does Jesus interpret it?
- How does Jesus fulfill Moses' prophecy and the experience of the Exodus?
- How does Jesus deepen traditional rabbinic teaching?
- How does Jesus teach about the Heavenly banquet to which all are invited?
- "If Jesus came simply to die, such opportunities came early and often." Why did Jesus escape death and urge people and demons to keep the "Messianic secret"?



Act Three: Jesus' Passion and Death

- Why did Jesus choose an especially solemn Passover as "His hour"?
- Does seeing Jesus as a New Adam make sense to you?
- Do you see how Jesus took Israel's sins upon Himself?
- What does the phrase from the *Exsultet* mean: "Oh, happy fault, which merited for us such a Savior"?
- Looking over the archetypes and narratives throughout salvation history, do you see that it was "necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into His glory"?



Act Four: Jesus' Resurrection

- Why do Christians celebrate Sunday as the first day of the week?
- How does Mary Magdalene recognize Jesus?
How do the disciples on the road to Emmaus recognize Jesus?
- How do we recognize Jesus?

