

A summary of the Person, Life and Work of Jesus Christ

Based upon the New Testament

Jesus' Person

- Jesus was born into a Jewish family who were descendants of David, the greatest of the ancient Hebrew kings.
- Jesus was the long awaited Jewish Messiah, the anointed king who would bring salvation to his people.
- Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit of God and is the incarnation or the coming in human flesh of the pre-existent Word of God.
- Jesus is both the fully human and fully divine Son of God.

Jesus' Preaching:

- During Jesus' earthly life, he preached the coming of the kingdom of God.
- Jesus invited all to enter the kingdom of God by repenting of their sins and believing in him.
- Jesus preached that whoever believed in him would be forgiven of sin and resurrected from the dead.

Jesus' Teaching:

- He taught those who would enter the kingdom of God to love the God with all of their hearts and love their neighbors as themselves.
- He explained that loving one's neighbor meant to treat all people as one would want to be treated and to work for justice, reconciliation and peace with all people.

Jesus' Authority:

- Jesus demonstrated his divine authority by forgiving people of their sins, by delivering them from physical, mental and spiritual illness, and by raising people from the dead.
- Jesus revealed to his disciples that he was the Messiah, the anointed king promised in the Hebrew Scriptures (the Old Testament). "Christ" is the Greek word for the Hebrew word "Messiah."

Jesus' Death and Resurrection:

- Jesus was crucified (executed) for claiming to be a king.
- God raised Jesus from the dead.
- The resurrection of Jesus confirms that he is the divine son of God and is indeed Lord and King over all creation.
- After the resurrection of Jesus, he taught his disciples that it was necessary for him to die and to rise from the dead to fulfill the Scriptures (Old Testament).

Jesus' Ascension, Giving of the Holy Spirit, and Witness of Disciples

- Jesus then commanded his disciples to be witnesses of the gospel and to make disciples of all people.
- After Jesus ascended to heaven, he sent the Holy Spirit to indwell and empower his disciples to be his witnesses, and he promised to be present with his disciples through the Holy Spirit until his return.
- The followers of Jesus now worship him as the human incarnation of God, and they follow him in loving and caring for others.