

CHRIST REVEALED (TYPES & SHADOWS)

Luke 24:27 NIV – And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

DESCRIPTION

Jesus plainly said that all Scripture testifies about Him. From the beginning of mankind, God had Jesus in mind. This includes His perfect life, sacrificial death, resurrection, ascension, and eternal Kingdom.

Finding Jesus in all of Scripture can be easy in some passages and more challenging in others, forcing us to press into God for revelation. He can be found in people, things, holy objects, in ways that New Testament writers called "types" or "shadows." He is also discovered in the vivid words, metaphors, and predictions of the Prophets.

Practicing Christ Revealed is about discovering Jesus in all of Scripture. It helps us to marvel at how God has been disclosing parts of the mystery of His eternal plan of redemption since before the world began.

EXAMPLE

Genesis 4:1-16 – The Story of Cain and Abel

What are some ways that this passage reveals or points to Christ?

1. Adam and Eve may have thought that one of their sons would be the One to crush the head of the serpent. Jesus is that Son.
2. Evil Cain killing righteous Abel is like the wicked world crucifying righteous Jesus because He was acceptable to God.
3. Abel's blood cried out to God to be avenged. Christ's blood cries out to God for forgiveness of sins and then ultimately for eternal vengeance.
4. Cain was forced into exile away from God's presence with a mark on him. Those who do not believe Jesus will accept the mark of the beast and spend eternity away from the presence of God.



PURPOSE:

To accurately understand God's meaning and imagery used in Biblical texts.

To read the Bible objectively and impartially seeking out what God is speaking.

To identify key themes in the Bible and know how they point to Jesus the Messiah and fit into the greater picture of redemption.

SPIRITUAL FRUIT:

Deeper knowledge of God through His Word.

Increased revelation of Jesus and God's purposes for mankind.

Improved understanding of how God revealed Jesus throughout His Word.

Greater faith through hearing the Word of God.

PRAYER

Father, thank you sent Jesus to fill me with the Holy Spirit who teaches me and leads me in all truth. Holy Spirit, fill me now with wisdom and revelation. Explain the Scripture to me in a way that reveals Christ and helps me turn to Him in my heart. In Jesus' name, Amen.



PRACTICE

- As you read your Bible, ask the Holy Spirit to highlight something within the text you are reading.
- Answer the following question about the contents of your text. Try to find Scriptures to support your answers.
 - How does this passage anticipate the life, death, and/or resurrection of Jesus?
 - Can you hear Jesus speaking in this passage of His suffering and victory? (i.e. the Psalms) If so, how?
 - How is this a metaphor for God's redemptive work? (i.e. the Feasts of God, Tabernacle, etc.)
 - How has Jesus already fulfilled prophecies in the text?
 - Will the text's prophecies be fulfilled when Jesus returns?
 - How is this a "type" of Christ? (King, Prophet, Priest, etc.)
 - How is this a metaphor for something Jesus is? (i.e. light, life, way, truth, offering for sin, God's tabernacle, etc.)
 - How do the failures, faithlessness, and imperfections in the characters expose humanity's need for a Savior, eternal blood sacrifice, and righteous King? (i.e. through the Law, sin, curse, human weakness, imperfect leadership, etc.)
 - How is Jesus the perfect example of the application of God's wisdom this passage speaks about?
- Summarize briefly how this has given you deeper insight in to the redemptive work of Jesus.

NOTES: _____

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES:

John 5:39-40

Colossians 2:17

Hebrews 10:1

Luke 24:25

Acts 3:24

John 1:45

Galatians 4:21-31