

God's Redemption Story

I. The Gospel of the Kingdom

A. Announced and Proclaimed

1. By John (Matthew 3:2)
2. By Jesus Christ (Matthew 4:17, 23)

B. Fulfilled and Established

1. Promised to David (II Samuel 7:16-19)
2. To be fulfilled in Jesus Christ (Luke 1:31-33; Mark 11:9-11)
3. Anticipated by the Apostles (Acts 1:1-6)
4. Fulfilled in Christ (Acts 2:29-36)
5. Established in the New Covenant (Luke 22:14-20)

II. The Message of the Cross

A. Jesus Christ as the Sin Bearer (I Corinthians 15:1-8; I Peter 3:18)

1. Foreshadowed in the Old Testament
 - a. in Abraham's sacrifice of his son (Genesis 22)
 - b. in the Passover sacrifice (Exodus 12)
 - c. in the Levitical sacrificial system (Leviticus, Hebrews 5:1-4)
 - d. in prophecy (Isaiah 53:3-6)
 - e. explained by Jesus Christ (Luke 24:25-27, 44-47)
2. Became sin on Israel's behalf (Romans 8:3; II Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 1:4; 3:13; John 10:11, 15)
3. Became our substitute (Romans 5:8; Ephesians 5:2)
4. For the sins of Israel committed under the Old Covenant (Hebrews 9:11-15; 1 Peter 3:18)

B. Significance of the Cross

1. As our ransom (Mark 10:45; I Timothy 2:5-6)

2. As our propitiation (Romans 3:24-25; I John 2:2; 4:10)
3. As our redemption (Psalm 111:9; 130:8; Luke 1:68; Galatians 3:13; Ephesians 1:7; Hebrews 9:11-12)
4. As our salvation from sins (Matthew 1:21)
5. As our reconciliation
 - a. unto God the Father (Romans 5:10-11; I Peter 3:18)
 - b. unto each other (Ephesians 2:11-16)
6. As our justification (Isaiah 53:11; Romans 3:21-28)

III. The Resurrection

A. Testified in the Gospel Accounts

1. Prophesied by Christ (John 10:17)
2. Verified by the Gospels (Matthew 28: 11-15; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20: 8-18)

B. Testified from Acts through Revelation

1. Acts 2:24-31 (fulfillment of David's prophecy)
2. Verified forgiveness of sins (I Corinthians 15:12-17)
3. Verified future bodily resurrection (Roman 8:11)
4. Verified our justification in Him (Romans 4:25)
5. Verified His intercession for us (Romans 8:34)
6. Verified His authority (Ephesians 1:19-20)
7. Verified our authority in Him (Ephesians 2:6)

What We Believe Regarding the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ

We believe that the God of our fathers had, in the course of time, purposed to redeem and restore His Covenant People Israel through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and thus, re-establish His Kingdom. In effect, Jesus became sin on behalf of all Israel as the

substitutionary, ransom sacrifice for all their sins. Thus, Israel was reconciled to the Father and to each other. By the one act of Christ's death, once for all, and by His resurrection from the dead, they were justified, forgiven, and saved from the judgement and wrath of God because of their sins.