

**Evidence that The Bible is The Infallible Word of God  
~ Ten Reasons to Believe ~**

**Lesson #8**

**• Reason No. 7 •**

**“The Bible, in its Entirety, is Christ-Centered”**

**• H A N D O U T •**

► Lesson #8 investigates Reason to Believe Number Seven: The Bible is Christ-centered from Beginning to End. As early as Genesis 3, God tells Adam and Eve that He has a solution to the sin problem they had just created with their disobedience. But it is from the prophet Isaiah who provides the clearest picture of God's solution: The Anointed One – the Messiah.

Q: What is the most common viewpoint of the Old Testament when compared to the New Testament?

Q: Is this common viewpoint accurate?

**In order to verify that the Bible is absolutely Christ-Centered from beginning to end we need to look at some Old Testament scriptures which focus on the Messiah ...**

Isaiah 40:3-5, 9 • A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"

Q: When Isaiah says, "Prepare the way of the Lord" who is being identified as "the Lord?"

Mark 1:1-8 • The beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in Isaiah the prophet: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; a voice of one calling in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'"

And so John came, baptizing in the desert region and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him.



Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.

And this was his message: "After me will come one more powerful than I, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptize you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Q: What does Isaiah seem to understand about the Messiah that others seem to have missed?

Q: Name at least four ways the Lord went about preparing the people for the Messiah's coming?

1.

2.

3.

4.

Q: What makes John the Baptist a unique prophet?

John 1:29-30; 32-36 · The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'

Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. I would not have known him, except that the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is he who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God." The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!"

Q: Why does John picture Jesus as the "Lamb of God" and not just as "The Messiah?"

► Leviticus 17:11 • For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life.

Q: What does John mean in John 1:30: “Jesus has surpassed me because He existed before me?”

Q: Returning to the Isaiah passage with which we began this study, what part of this prophecy has yet to be fulfilled?

Q: How would we summarize what the Old Testament – specifically the prophets Isaiah and Zechariah – reveals about the identity and purpose of the Messiah?

<b>► From Isaiah:</b>	
Isaiah 7:14 • 40:3	
Isaiah 7:14	
Isaiah 9:6	
Isaiah 11:1-10	
Isaiah 42:1-4; 49:1-7	
Isaiah 40:11	
Isaiah 53	
Isaiah 61:1-2	
Isaiah 63:1-6]	



<b>► From Zechariah</b>	
Zechariah 3:9-10; 4:7	
Zechariah 6:12-13	
Zechariah 9:9	
Zechariah 11:7-14	
Zechariah 13:7	

Q: Of the above listed prophecies regarding the Messiah, have they all been fulfilled at this point in history?

Having established the Christ-Centeredness of the entire Bible  
we will pick up our study with Reason #8 next time.



Next Time:

**Lesson #9**

**• Reasons to Believe #8 •  
The Intellectual Integrity of the Bible**

