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Have you ever had an experience in which you thought everything would work out perfectly (nothing could possibly go wrong) only to find your plans come crashing down through an unexpected and disappointing turn of events?

V. 17
Jesus knew why they were sad, but He wanted them to do an internal inspection.

V. 18
These two were evidently husband and wife (cp. Jn. 19:25).

Cleopas would have been the brother-in-law of the Virgin Mary (Jn. 19:25 - *"Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene."*

V. 19
"a prophet and mighty" - They hadn't come to a full recognition of His deity.

V. 21
"Hope deferred maketh the heart sick" (Prov. 13:12).

Their hopes and dreams were shattered - Everything that seems to be going so well had fallen apart in a few short days.

(Their words revealed hopes that were dead and buried)

--Like many Jews of their day they longed for a Messiah.

--In their eyes, this "Son of David" would break the despised Roman yoke of oppression.

--When Jesus appeared, performing wonders and proclaiming a "kingdom," they were sure they had found the Deliverer of their dreams.

--But when the time had arrived, when they were sure Jesus would lead a revolt, their hopes were crushed by His arrest, trial, and shameful crucifixion.

What was the problem? Did Christ fail? Or did the Jews have a wrong expectation??

V. 25
"Fools" **-** senseless ones, without understanding
"Slow of heart" **-** sluggish
"To believe" **-** to trust upon - total dependence upon all

Examples of how people today pick and choose what they want to believe (spiritualize, rationalize, explain away, misapply) -- yet all of Scripture is inspired. . . not one jot or tittle will fail.

The same Scriptures that spoke about a glorious Messiah also spoke about a suffering Messiah.

I Pet. 1:10-11 - *"Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow."*

First coming - Lamb Second coming - Lion

EX: Ps. 22, Is. 53, Zech. 9:9
Psalm 16:10 - *"For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell (sheol = grave) neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption."*

V. 27
Fulfilled prophecy - In O.T. there were some 300 distinct prophecies of Christ that lay like pieces of a jigsaw puzzle. Jesus came and put them all together.

The Master-Teacher began a Bible study that must have been a marvel to hear. If I could get a "Time Machine" and be transported to any place in history, it would be to join in this instruction of Scripture from the One who had authored it.

V. 29
They were so fascinated with Christ's exegesis that they invited Him to their house.

V. 32
"Heartburn" - word = quick and powerful. Cp. John's vision in Rev. 1:14 - *"His eyes were as a flame of fire"* (piercing)

The living Christ can lift your discouragement and set your heart ablaze if you will let Him speak to you via His Word.

Because Jesus Christ is God, it makes perfect sense that He would be the theme of the Bible.

Although many see "salvation" as the theme of the Bible, I would contend that "salvation" is a sub-theme with the Bible's emphasis being more doxological than soteriological. The grand emphasis is on the <u>One doing the saving</u> rather than the mere salvation itself.

Jesus Christ in every Book of the O.T.

Genesis	--The Seed of the Woman	(3:16; Gal. 4:4)
	--The Seed of Abraham	(22:18; Gal. 3:16)
	--The Angel (messenger) of the Lord	(16:7-14; 21:17-21; 22:11, 18; 31:11-13)
	--Shiloh, who is to come	(49:10)
Exodus	--The Passover Lamb	(12:1-28; I Cor. 5:7)
	--The "I am"	(3:14; Jn. 8:58, 59; 18:6)
Leviticus	--The pre-figured bloody Sacrifice	(1-10, 16-17; Heb. 9-10)
Numbers	--One lifted up for salvation	(21:5-9; Jn. 3:14)
	--A star out of Jacob	(24:17; Lk. 3:34)
Deuteronomy	--Prophet like unto Moses	(18:18)
Joshua	--Captain of the Lord's Host	(5:13-15)
Judges	--The Angel of the LORD	(2:1-5, 6:11-24, 13:3-22)
Ruth	--Kinsman Redeemer (Boaz is a picture of Christ - chap. 3-4; I Pet. 1:18; Eph. 1:6,7; 5:25)	
	--The protective wings of the LORD	(2:12, Mt. 23:37)
I Samuel	--The Rock	(2:2; Mt. 16:18)
II Samuel	--The Seed of David	(7:12, 13; Lk. 1:32, 33)

I Kings	--The Wisdom of God	(3:5-15, 3:28, 4:29; I Cor.1:24; Col. 2:3)
II Kings	--The Angel of the LORD	(1:3-4, 15)
I Chronicles	--The eternal King	(17:11-14; Heb. 1:5)
II Chronicles	--The eyes of the LORD	(16:9; Zech. 3:9, 4:10; Rev. 5:6)
Ezra	--Restorer of the temple	(theme of Ezra)
Nehemiah	--Restorer of the nation	(theme of Nehemiah)
	--The only Creator	(9:6; cp. Col. 1:17)
Esther	--Our propitiation and advocate	(I Jn. 2:1-2)
Job	--Our Redeemer	(19:25)
Psalms	--The Son of God	(2:7, 12; Lk. 1:35)
	--Our Shepherd	(23:1; John 10)
	--Eternal God	(45:6; Heb. 1:8, 9)
	--The One sought by kings	(72:10-15; Mt.2:1,2)
	--The Cornerstone	(118:22; Acts 4:11; Eph. 2:20)
Proverbs	--Our wise Counsellor	(8:14; cp. Is. 9:6; Col. 2:3)
Ecclesiastes	--Our Judge	(3:17, 12:14; II Cor. 5:10; Rom. 2:16)
Song of Solomon	--Rose of Sharon, lily of the valley	(2:1; Is. 35:1, 2)
	--The Bridegroom	(Mt. 9:15, 25:1ff; Rev. 21:2, 9)
Isaiah	--Holy, holy, holy	(6:1-3; Jn 12:41)
	--Immanuel	(7:14; Mt. 1:23)
	--Wonderful, Counselor, the mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of peace (9:6)	
	--The root of David	(11:1; Rev. 55: Rom.15:12)
	--A precious Cornerstone	(28:16; I Pet. 2:8)
	--The One wounded for our transgressions	(53:5; I Pet. 2:24)
Jeremiah	--The Lord our righteousness	(Jer. 23:6; II Cor. 5:21)
Lamentations	--The One who weeps over Jerusalem	(Mt. 23:37-38)
	--The One who gave His cheek to the smiter	(3:30; Is. 50:6; Mt. 26:67; Lk. 22:63)

Ezekiel	--True Shepherd	(34:23; Heb. 13:20)
	--The Horn of the house of Israel	(29:21; Lk. 1:69)
Daniel	--Stone without hands	(2:34, 44-45)
	--The Son of man	(7:13-14)
	--Messiah the Prince	(9:25; Jn. 1:41; 4:25, 26)
Hosea	--The Ransom	(13:14; I Cor. 15:55)
	--The Son out of Egypt	(11:1; Mt. 2:15)
Joel	--The Judge in the Day of the LORD	(Joel 2-3; Rev. 16:14-19, 19:11-21)
Amos	--The Lord of hosts (armies)	(6:8; 9:5; Zech. 14:4; Rev. 19:14)
Obadiah	--The LORD of Retribution	(v. 15)
Jonah	--The Lover of men's souls	(4:10-11)
Micah	--The eternal Ruler	(5:2; Mt. 2:6)
Nahum	--The God of vengeance	(1:2; Heb. 10:30)
Habakkuk	--The God of justice	(the theme of Habakkuk)
Zephaniah	--The wrath of the LORD	(1:15, 18; Rev.6:16, 17)
Haggai	--"The Desire of all nations"	(2:7)
Zechariah	--The smitten Shepherd	(13:7, cp. Mt. 26:31)
	--The One "they have pierced"	(12:10; Jn.20:37)
Malachi	--The LORD (Jehovah) whom ye seek	(3:1; cp. Mk. 1:2, 3)
	--The Sun of Righteousness	(4:2)

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It is said that all the rituals having to do with the Law are shadows, but the body which casts the shadow is Christ (Col. 2:17). As a person walks away from the sun his shadow is cast before him. It precedes him. "God is Light and in Him is no darkness at all" (1 Jn. 1:5). The Lord Jesus left God, Who is the Light that came into this world; and as He came away from God into this world His shadow was cast before Him. In the N.T. one meets the body of Him who cast his shadow in the O.T.

Typical References in the N.T.

Expressions like “the Lamb of God”, “destroy this temple”, “Christ the firstfruits”, “As Moses lifted up the serpent

It is a symbolical representation, an emblem. A type is the impress of a seal, the stamp of a coin; hence the pattern or model after which a thing is made.

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A D A M	C H R I S T

1 Cor. 15:21,22,45-50

Death . . . . . Resurrection
All die . . . . . All made alive
First Adam . . . . . Last Adam
Living soul . . . . . Quickening spirit
Natural . . . . . Spiritual
Earth . . . . . Heaven
Earthly image . . . . . Heavenly image
Corruption . . . . . Incorruption

2. MELCHIZEDEK – A STUDY OF TYPE BY COMPARISON

Gen. 14:18-20; Ps. 110:4; Heb. Chs. 5,7.

In Hebrews 7 Jesus Christ, being a priest in the order of Melchisedec, is in the greatest order of priests because of. . .

a. **The OFFICES He holds** (Heb.7:1)
(He is both King and Priest)

b. **The NAMES He has** (v. 2)
(His names are "King of Righteousness" and "King of Peace")

c. **The PEDIGREE He came from** (v. 3)
(He has no earthly, priestly, Levitical, written genealogy)

d. **The TITHES He received** (v. 4-6a; 8-10)
(He didn't give tithes, but received them)

e. **The BLESSING He bestowed** (v. 6b-7)
(He is the "Blesser", and therefore is greater than the ones He blesses)

f. **The NEW LAW He brought** (v. 11-19)
(He did not bring carnal commands but the power of an endless life [v. 16])

g. **The ORDINATION OATH He obtained** (v. 20-21)
(He is not ordained by men on earth, but by God in Heaven)

h. **The ETERNAL MEDIATION He provides** (v. 22-25)
(He is never replaced as Priest because He will never die)

i. **The SINLESS NATURE He possesses** (V. 26-28)
(He is not a sinner offering sacrifices, but a Savior offering Himself)

3. ISAAC – A TYPE OF CHRIST BY COMPARISON

(Genesis Chs. 21-27)

I S A A C	C H R I S T
In Person and Character	
A child of promise (Gen. 15:4; Gal. 4:28)	A Child of promise (Isa. 7:14)
Birth pre-announced to Sarah by an angel (Gen. 18:10)	Birth pre-announced to Mary by an (Luke 1:30-31)
Name given before birth (Gen. 17:19)	Name given before birth (Luke 1:31)
Birth contrary to nature, Sarah (Gen. 21:2; 11:30	Birth contrary to nature – Mary (Matt. 1:20)
Birth gave great joy (Gen. 21:6)	Birth gave great joy (Luke 2:10-11
Emphatically called “an only son” (Gen. 22:2; Heb. 11:17)	Emphatically called “An only Son” (John 3:16)
Descended from Abraham (Gen. 21:2)	Descended from Abraham (Matt. 1:1)
Mocked and persecuted (Gen. 21:9-10;	Mocked and persecuted Matt. 27:29; 4:28-29) Acts 2:23-24)
In Suffering and Death	
Went to the place of death as a sacrifice (Gen. 22:2)	His death was a sacrifice (Eph. 5:2;1 Tim. 2:6)
Carried the wood on which he was to die (Gen. 22:6)	Carried the cross on which He died (John 19:17)
Went willingly to the altar (Gen. 22:9)	Went willingly to the cross (Jn.10:17)
In Resurrection and Glory	
Rose from the place of death (Heb. 11:17-19	Rose in glorious resurrection (Matt. 28:6)

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(Gen. Chs. 37-50)

J O S E P H	**C H R I S T**
In Relation To The Fathers	
Loved by his father (Gen. 37:3)	My Beloved Son (Matt. 3:17)
Sent to his brethren (37:13)	I will send my Beloved Son (Luke 20:13)
In Rejection By The Brothers	
Hated by his brethren (Gen. 37:4-5)	Hated without a cause (Jn. 15:25)
Not believed (Gen. 37:5)	Neither did His brethren believe in Him (Jn. 7:5)
Shalt thou indeed reign over us? (Gen. 37:8)	We will not have this man (Luke 9:14)
Envied (Gen. 37:11)	Delivered for envy (Mk. 15:10)
Conspired against him (Gen. 37:18)	Took counsel against Him (Matt. 27:1; Jn. 11:53)
Stripped (Gen. 37:23)	They stripped Him (Matt. 27:28)
Twenty pieces of silver (Gen. 37:28)	Thirty pieces of silver (Matt. 26:15; 27:9)
In Reception By the Egyptians	
Into Egypt (Gen. 37:36)	Out of Egypt…called my Son (Matt.2:14-15)
The Lord with Joseph (Gen. 39:2,21)	The Father is with Me. (John 16:32)
The Lord made all to prosper in his hand (Gen. 39:3)	The pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand (Isa. 53:10)
All put into His hand (Gen. 39:4,8)	Hath given all things into His hand (John 3:35)
A man in whom the Spirit of God is (Gen. 41:38)	Anointed with the H.S. and power (Acts 10:38)
Bow the knee (Gen. 41:43)	That in the name of Jesus every knee should bow (Phil. 2:10)
Thirty years old (Gen. 41:46)	About thirty years of age (Luke 3:23)
In Restoration to his Family	
They knew him not (Gen. 42:8)	The world knew Him not … His own Received Him not (Jn. 1:10-11)
Joseph made himself known (Gen. 45:1)	Their eyes were opened, and they knew Him (Luke 24:31)
At the second time he made himself known (Acts 7:13)	They shall look upon Me whom they have pierced (Zech. 12:10)
I am Joseph your brother whom ye sold (Gen. 45:4)	I am Jesus whom thou persecutest (Acts 9:5)
Not you … but God (Gen. 45:8)	By the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God (Acts 2:23)
God meant it unto good … to save much people alive (Gen. 50:20)	In bringing many sons unto glory (Heb. 2:10)

5. THE PASSOVER (Lamb) A Type of Christ

(Exod. Ch. 12; 1 Cor. 5:7)

"For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us" (1 Cor. 5:7).

- In Gen. 22:8 The Lamb is Typified
- In Exod. 12:3 The Lamb is Applied
- In Isa. 53:7 The Lamb is Prophesied
- In John 1:29 The Lamb is Identified
- In Rev. 5:9 The Lamb is Magnified
- In Rev. 22:1 – The Lamb is Glorified.

The PASSOVER LAMB	JESUS CHRIST
It Prophesied the Perfection of Christ	
The Passover required a lamb (Exod. 12:3)	Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God (Jn. 1:29,36)
The Passover Lamb must be without blemish (Ex. 12:5)	Jesus Christ was without sin (Heb. 4:15; 1 Pet. 1:18-19)
It Corresponds to the Circumstances of the Death of Christ	
Preceded by three days of darkness (Ex. 10:21-23)	Preceded by three hours of dark darkness (Mark 15:33)
The whole assembly of the house of Israel was to kill the PassoverLamb; (Ex. 12:6)	Whole assembly of the House of Israel responsible for the slaying of Christ (Matt. 27:25)
It Pictured the Salvation of the Sinner who accepts Christ	
The blood of the lamb sprinkled In the form of a cross (Exod. 12:7,22)	The blood of Christ shed from a cross (Col. 1:20)
The blood of the Passover lamb was sprinkled on the side posts and on the top of the door, making three cardinal points in the form of a cross.	
The sprinkling of the Passover Blood secured the firstborn from Death (Exod. 12:13,23)	Faith in the shed blood of Christ secures the soul from God's judgment (John 5:24; Eph. 1:7)
"When I see the blood I will pass over you." None under the protection of that blood suffered God's judgment.	
It marked the beginning of months (Exod. 12:2)	It marked the beginning of the New Covenant (Luke 22:20)

It Prefigured the Blessings of the Believer in Fellowship with Christ

They fed on the Passover Lamb (Exod. 12:11) — By faith the believer feeds on Christ (Jn. 6:35,51)

The lamb must be roasted suffering and eaten with bitter herbs (Exod. 12:8) Christ endured the bitterness of Calvary and God's fiery wrath (1 Pet. 3:18; Ps. 89:38,46)

The Passover delivered from Death of Bondage (Ex. 12:30-42) — Christ delivers from bondage of sin (Rom. 6:6,14; Gal. 6:14; Eph. 6:12-18; Col. 2:15)

They were to eat the Passover with Unleavened bread (Ex. 12:14-20)
Those who have trusted in Christ are called to live a life unleavened with sin (1 Cor. 5:6-8)
Leaven in Scripture is a symbol of sin, and must be purged out as a symbol of separation to God. So God demands of us a complete separation from the thoughts and works of this evil age (Gal. 1:4).

Many, however, deny Christ in the O.T. They view Christ and Christianity has a sham, mocking Jesus and denying that He is the fulfillment of the Hebrew Scriptures. This is reflected in a book title which mocks Christ and Christianity, calling the Christian Message "The Greatest Story Ever Sold"

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Note: The word "Fulfilled" or "Fulfill" occurs multitudes of times in the N.T. showing Christ as the fulfillment of O.T. Prophesy:

Mt 1:22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,
Mt 2:15 And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.
Mt 2:17 Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying,
Mt 2:23 And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene.
Mt 4:14 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying,
Mt 5:17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.
Mt 5:18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.
Mt 8:17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.
Mt 12:17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying,
Mt 13:14 And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive:
Mt 13:35 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world.
Mt 21:4 All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying,
Mt 24:34 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.
Mt 26:54 But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?
Mt 26:56 But all this was done, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples forsook him, and fled.

Mt 27:9 Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value;
Mt 27:35 And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots.
Mr 1:15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.
Mr 14:49 I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and ye took me not: but the scriptures must be fulfilled.
Mr 15:28 And the scripture was fulfilled, which saith, And he was numbered with the transgressors.
Lu 4:21 And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.
Lu 21:22 For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.
Lu 24:44 And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.
Joh 12:38 That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed?
Joh 13:18 I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me.
Joh 15:25 But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause.
Joh 17:12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.
Joh 18:9 That the saying might be fulfilled, which he spake, Of them which thou gavest me have I lost none.
Joh 18:32 That the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled, which he spake, signifying what death he should die.
Joh 19:24 They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did.
Joh 19:28 After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst.
Joh 19:36 For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken.

Ac 1:16 Men and brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus.
Ac 3:18 But those things, which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled.
Ac 13:22 And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will.
Ac 13:27 For they that dwell at Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they knew him not, nor yet the voices of the prophets which are read every sabbath day, they have fulfilled them in condemning him.
Ac 13:29 And when they had fulfilled all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree, and laid him in a sepulchre.
Ac 13:33 God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.

2. Christ is the O.T. Revealer of God, The Father

John 1:18 - No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

v. 18
Since **"no man hath seen God at any time,"** every appearance of God in the Bible had to be an appearance of Jesus Christ. In the Old Testament, all visible forms of God (who is Spirit) were Christophanies (or appearances of Christ).

All Old Testament references to someone seeing "God" (Elohim) or "the LORD" (Jehovah), must refer to God the Son.
Why? The reason is simple. The Bible states that no one (that is, no mortal human being) has ever seen God the Father (Ex. 33:20; Jn. 1:18, 6:46).

Any appearance of "God" or "LORD" in the O.T. had to be an appearance of Christ, because Jesus said that no one had ever seen God (the Father) before; But Jesus had revealed (manifested; Lit. Exegeted) Him.

"Finally, Jesus Christ revealed God to us (John 1:18)…Jesus Christ revealed God to us, for He is "the image of the invisible God" (Col. 1:15) and "the express image of His person" (Heb. 1:3). The word translated "declared" gives us our English word *exegesis* which means "to explain, to unfold, to lead the way." Jesus Christ explains God to us and

interprets Him for us. We simply cannot understand God apart from knowing His Son Jesus Christ." (Wiersbe, p. 286)

Jesus appeared in the Old Testament as a "Theophany" or a self-manifestation of God.

Such appearances of Christ (specifically called "Christophanies) describe Him as "The Angel of the Lord" (Lit. "the messenger of Yahweh").

1) **Jesus was manifested to Hagar** (Gen. 16:10, 13).

2) **Jesus was manifested to Abraham** (cp. John 8:56).
(cp. 18:1, 2 with 19:1; Gen. 18:22; 27; Gen. 19:24; Gen. 22:11-12, 15, 16)

3) **Jesus was manifested to Isaac** (Gen. 26:2-5; 24-25).

4) **Jesus was manifested to Jacob** (Gen. 31:11, 13; 32:24-30; Hosea 12:3-5; Gen. 48:15, 16).

5) **Jesus was manifested to Moses**
--He appeared to Moses out of a "burning bush" (Exodus 3:2-6).
--He identified Himself as the "I AM" (Ex. 3:13-15) (cp. Jn. 8:58, 18:5).
--He was enveloped in a cloudy pillar (Ex. 14:19; cp. with Ex. 13:21).
--He stood upon a rock that provided water for the entire nation (Ex. 17:5, 6; cp. I Cor. 10:4).

6) **Jesus was manifested to Joshua** (Josh. 5:13-6:5)
--He appeared to Joshua as the "Captain of the LORD's (Yahweh's) host (army)."
--He is worshipped as God 5:14).
--He demands honor because He is holy (5:15). [NOTE: Joshua is confronted and commissioned with the holiness of God as was Moses - cp. Ex. 3:5.]
--He is called "LORD" (Jehovah - 6:2)

7) **Jesus was manifested to Israel** (Judges 2:1-7)

8) **Jesus was manifested to Gideon** (Judges 6:11-26)

9) **Jesus was manifested to Samson's parents** (Judges 13:3-22)

3. Christ is Testified About in the Hebrew Scriptures

John 5:39 - Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

v. 38

Jesus is implying that had the Jews believed God's Word, they would believe on Him. Anyone who rejects Jesus Christ rejects God's Word. Reason: Jesus the Messiah is the theme of the entire Bible (from Genesis to Revelation).

v. 39

"Search the Scriptures" – may be a *command (imperative mode) or a statement of fact (indicative mode).

Evidently, Jesus is telling the people, "God ahead and search the Old Testament, and you will find Me there!"

> The religious leaders knew the meticulous rules of Scripture, but failed to see the Messiah to whom the Scriptures pointed. The knew some of the details but missed the Savior. Entrenched in their own religious system, they refused the Son of God. They had religion but not Jesus Christ. Don't make the same mistake!" (Life Application Bible note)

4. Christ is Written About by Moses in the Pentateuch

John 5:46 - For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me.

Where did Moses write about Christ?

In **Genesis** Moses wrote of Christ when He made reference to a future "Seed of the Woman" (3:15; Gal. 4:4) and the promised "seed" of Abraham (Ge 22:18; Ac 3:25; Ga 3:16)

In **Exodus** Moses wrote of Christ when He made reference to

--The Passover Lamb (12:1-28; I Cor. 5:7)

--The "I am" (3:14; Jn. 8:58, 59; 18:6)

Jesus was manifested to Moses

--He appeared to Moses out of a "burning bush" (Exodus 3:2-6).

--He identified Himself as the "I AM" (Ex. 3:13-15) (cp. Jesus is the "I AM" – Jn. 8:58, 18:5).

--**The "ROCK"**

--He stood upon a rock that provided water for the entire nation (Ex. 17:5, 6; cp. I Cor. 10:4).

Exodus 17:5-6

And the Lord said unto Moses, Go on before the people, and take with thee of the elders of Israel; and thy rod, wherewith thou smotest the river, take in thine hand, and go. [6] Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.

1 Cor. 10:4

And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

In **Leviticus** Moses wrote of Christ when He made reference to the bloody Sacrifice (1-10, 16-17; Heb. 9-10)

In **Numbers** Moses wrote of Christ when He made reference to the One lifted up for salvation (21:5-9; Jn. 3:14)

In **Deuteronomy** Moses wrote of Christ when He made reference to "A Future Prophet like unto Moses (18:18)

Prediction: - Deuteronomy 18:15 The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;

Fulfillment: - Acts 3:22 – For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.

John 5:47

In Luke 16, Jesus tells of a certain rich man in hell who was told that if people refuse God's Word (Moses and the Prophets) neither would they believe if one rose from the dead and reported the reality of the afterlife and coming judgment (Lk. 16:29-31).

5. Christ Was Seen by Abraham

John 8:56 - Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad.

v. 56
There are at least 2 ways in which Abraham saw Christ's "day" –

1) Abraham saw Christ's day literally (when God – in the person of Jesus – met him)

Since no one has ever seen God the Father with mortal eyes (Jn. 1:18; Exod. 33:20), every reference then in the Old Testament to people seeing God must refer to people seeing a pre-incarnate appearance of Christ (or as the term used in theology: a Christophany).

The occasions that Abraham saw Christ are:

a) When the LORD appeared to Abraham and promised him a son through Sarah (Gen. 17:1-8, 22).

b) When the LORD appeared to Abraham prior to His destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen. 18:1-22, 26-27, 33; 19:24, 27).

2) Abraham saw Christ's day spiritually (when He though eyes of faith believed that God would provide Himself with a Lamb for an offering on Mount Moriah – Gn. 22:8).

Abraham "did look for and welcome the Messianic time, "My day" (Robertson, p. 158).

v. 57
At this time, Jesus was in His early thirties and Abraham had lived over 2,000 years before Jesus was born, so how in the world did Abraham see Jesus?

Now they really accuse Him of being "bogus." It was not humanly possible to pre-exist Abraham! And they were right! But Jesus was not merely human; He was divine!

6. Christ was Prophesied by Isaiah

John 12:38 That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed?

John 12:38
"Esaias" = Isaiah 6:10 & 53:1

"The arm of the Lord" – is a reference to Jesus Christ.
Why is He referred to as the "arm of the Lord?" Just as arms do things, make things, accomplish things, so everything God the Father ever did, He did through the instrumentality of His Son.
---He created through His Son
---He led Israel in the Old Testament by His Son
---He provided redemption by His Son
---He sustains creation by His Son
---He will rule and reign by His Son
---He will judge the world by His Son

7. Christ was Seen by Isaiah

John 12:41 These things said Esaias, when he saw his glory, and spake of him. (Cp. Isaiah 6)

v. 41
Isaiah saw Christ's glory (Is. 6:1ff). The reference to **"His"** is the same reference as **"Him"** (v. 42), which is Christ.

Christ is the "arm of the Lord." He is the Lord, high and lifted up to whom the angels cry out, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. . ."

8. Christ is Boldly Preached as the Fulfillment of the O.T. Scriptures

Acts 17:2, 3 - And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the Scriptures, Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ.

Acts 18:24, 28 - And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus…he mightily convinced the Jews, and that publickly, <u>shewing by the Scriptures that Jesus was Christ</u> (Messiah).

Romans 1:1-4 - Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God, (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy Scriptures,) Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 - For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.

Jesus Christ Fulfills Old Testament Scriptures which Apply to Jehovah God.

The following parallels between the Old Testament and New Testament prove that Jesus is Jehovah:

1. **"Creator"**
   Jehovah is Creator (Is. 44:24; Prov. 16:4 cp.Gen. 1:26, 27).
   Jesus is Creator. (Jn. 1:3; Col. 1:16)

2. **"First and Last"**
   Jehovah is the First and the Last. (Is. 44:6)
   Jesus is the First and the Last (Rev. 1:8,17,18; 22:12, 13).

3. **"Highest Glory"**
   Jehovah has the highest glory (Is. 42:8).
   Jesus has the highest glory (Jn. 17:5; II Pet. 3:18).

4. **"Forgiver"**
   Jehovah alone can forgive sin (Is. 43:25).
   Jesus forgives sin (Mk. 2:7-10).

5. **"Holy One"**
   Jehovah is the Holy One (Is. 43:3, 14).
   Jesus is the Holy One (Acts 3:14).

6. **"The One coming"**
   Jehovah is coming with His reward (Is. 40:10)
   Jesus is coming with His reward (Rev. 22:12)

7. **"Shepherd"**
   Jehovah is the Shepherd (Ps. 23:1).
   Jesus is the Shepherd (Jn. 10; Heb. 13:20, 21; II Pet. 5:4).

8. **"King"**
   Jehovah is King (Zech. 14:9).
   Jesus is King (Rev. 19:16).

9. **"I Am"**
   Jehovah is the "I Am" (Ex. 3:14).

Jesus is the "I Am" (Jn. 8:58, 59; 18:5-8).

10. "Worshipped and Served"
Jehovah is the One to be worshipped and served (Deut. 6:5).
Jesus is the One to be worshipped and served (Mt. 14:33; Jn. 9:38; Heb. 1:6; Ro. 1:1; Ja. 1:1).

11. "One God"
Jehovah is the only true God. (Is. 43:10)
Jesus is the true God. (I Jn. 5:20)

12. "The only Savior"
Jehovah is the only Savior. (Is. 43:11)
Jesus is the only Savior (Mt. 1:21; Acts 4:12; Titus 1:3, 4).

13. "The Changeless One"
Jehovah is the Changeless One (Mal. 3:6).
Jesus is the Changeless One (Heb. 13:8).

14. "The One to be loved"
Jehovah is the One to be loved (Deut. 6:5).
Jesus is the One to be loved (I Cor. 16:22).

15. "The One Lord"
Jehovah is the one Lord (Zech. 14:9).
Jesus is the one Lord (I Cor. 8:6; Eph. 4:5).

16. "The Redeemer"
Jehovah is the Redeemer. (Is. 49:26)
Jesus is the Redeemer (Titus 2:13-14).

17. "The Fountain of life and light"
Jehovah is the Fountain of life and light (Ps. 36:9).
Jesus is the Fountain of life and light (Jn. 1:4; 4:14).

18. "The One who refreshes the thirsty"
Jehovah is the One who refreshes the thirsty (Is. 44:3).
Jesus is the One who refreshes the thirsty (Jn. 7:37, 38).

19. "The One who swallows up death"
Jehovah is the One who swallows up death (Is. 25:8).
Jesus is the One who swallows up death (II Tim. 1:10).

20. "The One to be looked to for salvation"
Jehovah is the One to be looked to for salvation. (Is. 45:22)
Jesus is the One to be looked to for salvation (Jn.1:29; 6:40; Acts 4:12)

21. "The Holy Lord of Glory"
Jehovah is the Holy Lord of Glory (Is. 6:1, 3, 10).
Jesus is the Holy Lord of Glory (Jn. 12:37-41 *v.41).

22. "The Light of New Jerusalem"
Jehovah is the Light of New Jerusalem (Is. 60:19).
Jesus is the Light of New Jerusalem (Rev. 21:23).

23. "The only One to be prayed to"
Jehovah is the One to be prayed to (Mt. 6:9;
cp. Is. 45:20; 44:17, 18).
Jesus is the One to be prayed to (Jn.14:14; Acts 7:59-60)

24. "The One who calms the sea"
Jehovah is the One who calms the Sea (Ps. 107:29).
Jesus is the One who calms the Sea (Mt. 8:26).

25. "The One who cleanses sin"
Jehovah is the One who cleanses sin. (Is. 43:25)
Jesus is the One who cleanses sin. (I Jn. 1:7)

26. "The One who chastens (disciplines)"
Jehovah is the One who chastens (Prov. 3:12).
Jesus is the One who chastens (Rev. 3:19).

27. "The Rock"
Jehovah is the Rock (Deut. 32:4; Ps. 78:19, 20, 35).
Jesus is the Rock (I Pet. 2:6-8; Acts 4:11, 12; I Cor. 10:4).
Compare: Exod. 17:5-6 with I Cor.10:4.

28. "The Judge of the Earth"
Jehovah is the Judge of the earth (Gen. 18:25).
Jesus is the Judge of the earth (II Cor. 5:10).

29. "The One whom Israel tested in the wilderness"
Jehovah was tested by Israel (Num.21:5-7)
Jesus was tested by Israel (I Cor.10:9)

The list of parallels on the previous pages is by no means exhaustive. Many more can be discovered. The parallels between Jehovah of the Old Testament and Jesus of the New Testament clearly identify Jesus with Jehovah! Jesus is Jehovah! No wonder He will one day be called "The LORD (Jehovah) our Righteousness" (Jer. 23:6).

NOTE: By calling Jesus Jehovah, we are not denying the fact that the Father is Jehovah and that the Holy Spirit is Jehovah. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are together the eternal Jehovah God, as the Scriptures clearly teach. The evidence for Jesus' deity is conclusive. Those who deny it dishonor the Father (Jn. 5:23) and face eternal tragedy (Jn. 8:24).

"Thus saith the Lord:
You call me Light and You see me not.
You call me the Way and You follow me not.
You call me Truth and You believe me not.
You call me Just and You trust me not.
You call me Mighty and You fear me not.
You call me Salvation and You honor me not.
You call me Rich and You ask me not.
You call me Worthy and You praise me not.
You call me eternal and You seek me not.
You call me Master and You obey me not.
When you force me to condemn you, blame me not.
Jesus is God Almighty!"

Conclusion:

Since Christ is the theme of the Bible, whenever you read your Bible, always go looking for Him. By seeing His glory you will be transformed into His image!
2 Corinthians 3:18 "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord."

"Beholding as in a glass" – We don't see the Lord's glory face to face (as Moses did – Exod. 34:29-35), but we see a reflection of His glory (looking as it were in a mirror – cp. 1 Cor. 13:12).

Every time we look into God's Word and see God's glory, we are changed by the glory we see.

2 Cor. 4:6 – For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

Excursus for further Study:

The O.T. Speaks of the Son of God

Psalm 2:12 – "Kiss the Son, lest He be angry and ye perish from the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

Prov. 30:4 – "Who hath established all the ends of the earth? What is His name, and what is His son's name, if thou canst tell."

Daniel 3:25 – "The form of the fourth is like the Son of God" (Nebuchadnezzar clearly saw a divine being who appeared different than the other three men in the furnace).

Since Jesus Christ is the Creator of everything (Jn. 1:3; Col. 1:16), every Old Testament reference to the Creator God is a reference to Jesus Christ.

(NOTE: Gen. 1:1 "Elohim" – plural form of God ["El"]. Cp. Plural pronouns in Gen. 1:26; cp. With Isaiah 6:8. Plural references to the Godhead are implications of the Tri-unity of His nature.)