

A Harmony of the Gospels

Sabbath Controversies and Withdrawals

Discourse demonstrating the Son's equality with the Father John 5:19-47

- Jesus emphasized the seamless unity of the work of the Father and the Son.
- Jesus revealed a complete understanding of the will of the Father.

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- Jesus lays claim to two areas belonging exclusively to God
 - Ability to give life, both physical and spiritual
 - Demonstrated as Jesus raised people from the dead culminating in the raising of Lazarus.
 - Note the connection with Daniel 12:2 and John 5:28-29. Here Jesus reveals that it is His voice which will accomplish this.
 - Right of judgment
 - Because He is the Son of Man see Romans 8:1-4
 - Judgment reserved for those who do not believe

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- Jesus uses the principle of the three-fold witness to establish His identity as God in the flesh. Deuteronomy 19:15
 - Witness of John the Baptist
 - Witness of the works of Jesus
 - Witness of the Father, which is a reference to the many prophecies about the Messiah in the Hebrew Scriptures.
 - Moses wrote of Me: Deuteronomy 18:15

Jesus in Genesis

The Virgin Birth

¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

Genesis 3:15 (ESV)

Luke 1:26-35

Jesus in Genesis

Suffering Savior

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Genesis 3:15 (ESV)

Mark 15:15-20

Jesus in Genesis

Decisive Victor over the Evil One

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Genesis 3:15 (ESV)

Revelation 12:7-11

2 Thessalonians 3:3

Revelation 20:7-10

Jesus in Genesis

- Priest after the Order of Melchizedek
 - ¹⁸ And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.) ¹⁹ And he blessed him and said, “Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; ²⁰ and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!” And Abram gave him a tenth of everything. Genesis 14:18-20 (ESV)

Jesus in Genesis

- Priest after the Order of Melchizedek: Heb 4:14-5:10; 6:13-7:28
 - Connected through incarnation
 - Called by God
 - Greater than Abram and thereby greater than Levi
 - Guarantor of a better covenant
 - Perfection

Jesus in Genesis

- Lion of Judah

- ⁹ Judah is a lion's cub; from the prey, my son, you have gone up. He stooped down; he crouched as a lion and as a lioness; who dares rouse him? Genesis 49:9 (ESV)
- ⁵ And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals." Revelation 5:5 (ESV)

Jesus in Genesis

- King

- ¹⁰ The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples. Genesis 49:10 (ESV)
- ¹⁶ And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.'” ¹⁷ In accordance with all these words, and in accordance with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David. 2 Samuel 7:16-17 (ESV)
- Matthew 1:1; 9:27; 15:22; 20:30; 21:9; Revelation 5:5

Jesus in Exodus

- Passover Lamb 1 Corinthians 5:7b-8
 - Exodus 12
 - Lamb from the sheep or goats
 - Without blemish, male, year old.
 - Chosen on the 10th day of the month, kept until the 14th day of the month.
 - Killed on the 14th day of the month
 - Blood put on the two doorpost and the lintel of the houses.
 - Entirely consumed.
 - No bones broken 12:46; Numbers 9:12; Psalm 34:20; John 19:36

Jesus in Exodus

- Manna John 6:22-65
 - Exodus 16:13-36; Deuteronomy 8:3
 - God's daily and sufficient provision for the Israelites during the Exodus until entrance into the Promised Land. Joshua 5:12

Jesus in Exodus

- Manna John 6:22-65
 - “I am the bread of Life”
 - True bread from Heaven v. 32
 - As the manna came from heaven so Jesus has some from heaven
 - As the manna needed to be consumed to sustain physical transitory life, Jesus must be received to give spiritual, eternal life.

Jesus in Numbers

- Savior Numbers 21:4-9; John 3:14-15

Jesus in Numbers

- Rock of Life-Giving Water Numbers 20:2-13; Exodus 17:1-7; 1 Corinthians 10:1-5
- John 4:10; 7:37

Jesus in Numbers

- Refuge Numbers 35:9-34; Hebrews 6:17-20
 - Psalm 2:12

Jesus in Deuteronomy

- Prophet Deuteronomy 18:15-16; Acts 3:17-26; 7:37
 - The Function of a prophet
 - Receive a message from God and accurately deliver it. Deut 18:18
 - Note that God had spoken to the people directly at Sinai but the people, in fear, requested that God speak through Moses. Deut 18:16-17
 - The test of a true prophet
 - No message will be counter to previously revealed truth. Deut. 13:1-5
 - Events foretold must come to pass. Deut. 18:21-22
 - Note the sharp distinction to those described in Deut. 18:9-14

Jesus in Deuteronomy

- Prophet Deuteronomy 18:15-16
 - Evidence the Jews understood this prophecy to speak of the Messiah.
 - John 1:21; 25
 - John 6:14; 7:40

Jesus in Deuteronomy

- Jesus fulfilled the function of prophet by:
 - Receiving His message and authority from God the Father
 - John 5:19-20; 30
 - Accurately and powerfully proclaiming God's message.
Mark 2:12
 - Experiencing events foretold coming to pass. Mark 8:31

Jesus in Deuteronomy

- A Curse for Us Deuteronomy 21:22-23; Galatians 3:13

Controversy over disciples' picking grain on the Sabbath. Matthew 12:1-8; Mark 2:23-28; Luke 6:1-5

- The practice of taking enough food from a field or vineyard to eat was allowed by the Law. Deuteronomy 23:24-25
- For the Pharisees this would constitute reaping and threshing on the Sabbath which would both be forbidden by their extra rules.

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- Jesus answered with an incident from the life of David
1 Samuel 21:1-6
 - Leviticus 24:5-9 Bread of the Presence (Showbread)
 - Reserved for the priests
 - Note hunger in both of these cases was more than needing a snack.
 - In this case Jesus reveals the character of God as one who is merciful toward His creation. His mercy allows for the hungry to eat what would normally be forbidden.

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- Jesus gave another example of the fact that the priests go about their regular work on the Sabbath yet do not incur guilt from doing so. There were specific duties and offerings prescribed for the Sabbath day. Leviticus 24:8; Numbers 28: 9-10
- A consistent teaching of Jesus regarding the Sabbath is that it was designed to benefit not burden God's people.