



DISCOVERING
JESUS



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EXPLORE MORE → What does "**image of God**" mean?
• Humans were created to reflect God and to have a special relationship with Him.

What about **science**?

- Try to focus on what Genesis teaches about God's character rather than wondering how God would describe creation in today's day and age.

What is **dominion**?

- God created mankind to steward the world under His leadership. Dominion is not a negative term here.

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EXPLORE MORE → Why was there a talking **serpent**?

- The serpent is God's enemy, Satan, seeking to tempt Adam and Eve to rebel against God.

Why would God put a **forbidden tree**?

- God gave humans a real choice whether or not to trust him and obey as they reflect him as his image-bearers.
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EXPLORE MORE → What is **sin**?
• To sin is to miss the mark. It is used to describe doing something that is wrong or against God.

What is **iniquity**?
• Deep or repeated wrongdoing that shows a bad pattern in someone's heart.

What is **transgression**?
• Breaking a clear rule or boundary on purpose.

What is **chastisement**?
• Punishment or correction that is meant to teach someone to do better.

When was this written?
• Isaiah 53 was written potentially 700 years before Jesus' birth.

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EXPLORE MORE → What is a **Pharisee**?

- The Pharisees were the religious leaders and experts of the day, working in the local synagogue.

What is a **ruler of the Jews**?

- The Sanhedrin was a council of 71 leaders tasked with religious oversight.

What is a **Rabbi**?

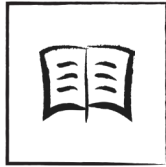
- The word Rabbi means Teacher. It was a title of respect.

What is the **serpent in the wilderness**?

- Numbers 21:8-9 - This refers to the bronze snake Moses lifted in the desert to heal people from snake bites, symbolizing how Jesus would be lifted up on a cross to bring spiritual healing and salvation.

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What is a **sinner**?
• This is a title term in the gospel for someone of ill-repute, such as a tax collector or a prostitute.

What is a **denarius**?
• A denarius was a day's wage.

Why would you wash your **feet**?
• It was customary for a host to offer his guests the opportunity to wash their feet, often covered in dust and dirt from the roads.

What is the **ointment**?
• The ointment was a pricey perfume.

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What is **faith**?

- Hebrews 11:1: "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."

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- Tax collectors were considered traitors of Israel who worked for Rome. They would extort money from people and were hated by everyone.

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EXPLORE MORE → What is the title **Son of Man**?

- Daniel 7:13-14 - Son of Man refers to an ancient prophecy looking forward to a divine king and savior.

What is the title **Christ**?

- Christ is a title meaning the anointed one, the promised king. It is not Jesus' last name.

Who was **Pilate**?

- Pilate was the Roman governor.

Who was **Herod**?

- Herod was a false king, set in power by Rome.

What was the **crucifixion**?

- The crucifixion was a Roman form of execution - a terrible way to die.

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EXPLORE MORE → What is significant about those **locations**?

- Jerusalem was the capital city.
- Judea was nearby geographically
- Samaria was nearby but had a different culture.
- The ends of the earth refer to every other nation outside of Israel.

Who was **Theophilus**?

- Theophilus was the recipient of the letter. His name means "lover of God."

Who were the **Apostles**?

- The apostles were Jesus' group of 11 followers. Apostle means "sent one."

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WHAT'S NEXT?

After reading the stories about Jesus Christ, take a moment to consider who you believe He is and what that means for your life. If you've decided to follow Him, you might continue on to the next study on the Commands of Christ; if you're still curious or unsure, keep reading through the Gospel accounts (ex: The Gospel of Luke) in the Bible to learn more. You can do this using the 3/3s Discovery Group process you've been using, or do it on your own using the SOAPS Journaling Method outlined below.

SOAPS JOURNALING METHOD

SCRIPTURE:

Write out one or more verses that are particularly meaningful to you, today.

OBSERVATION:

Rewrite those verses or key points in your own words to better understand, or make a list of observations based on the Discovery Questions used in Look Up portion of the 3/3 Discipleship Group

APPLICATION:

Think about what it means to obey these commands in your own life.

PRAYER:

Write out a prayer telling God what you've learned and how you plan to obey.

SHARE:

Ask God who He wants you to share with about what you've learned/applied.

