

what's going on at crossroads

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PASTOR'S NOTE – "Who did you share the Gospel with last?" When I asked my friend that question this week, I knew it was pointed and potentially difficult to answer. We all struggle with boldness to some degree. But the call Jesus has given for us to herald Him in our generation is clear. We are His ambassadors! So I am always looking for simple ways to bring Jesus into a conversation. And the annual day on the calendar - Easter - is an easy one to recognize. People who don't typically go to church tend to think of church on that day. Why not invite them to come to church with you? I am asking you begin praying today about who God would have you invite with you to church on April 4. Remember, we have TWO worship opportunities that day - 8:30 and 10:30. Invite a friend this week. I am praying for you to be bold, friend!

RESURRECTION SUNDAY. We will offer two services on April 4th. The additional service will be at 8:30 and we will have our regular 10:30 service. We have created an event in the Realm app and are asking you to register yourself and your family (including any guests you anticipate) for the desired service. Registering helps us be better prepared for childcare.



MILESTONE CONFERENCE MEETINGS - At Crossroads, we are passionate about partnering with and equipping parents as they raise their children. That's why we have created the Milestone Project. This project groups foundational Christian truth and growth into four stages we call milestones The Four Milestones - Child Dedication, Salvation and Baptism, Man, Womanhood and Purity, Graduation to Independence.

The seminar will meet on Sunday mornings from 9:15 – 10:15, March 21 & 28, April 1, 18, and 25. Sign up today: <u>Milestone Registration</u>

RECOMMENDED BOOKS –Over the coming weeks we will be highlighting some of the resources that will relate to our upcoming Milestone Conference. Check out the table in the lobby for samples of the resources we have in The Resource Center.

MAUNDY THURSDAY – Join us at 6:30pm on April 1 as we remember the events leading up to Christ's death on the cross with a special service.

STUDENT MINISTRY Q & A - Hey students and parents of students! Do you have tough questions that you want answers for? We will be engaging your tough questions in a Q & A format again this Wednesday by pointing to answers found in the Bible! You can submit your questions anonymously by using this link: <u>https://pollev.com/cbcstudents858</u>. You can also submit a question by emailing us at <u>info@crossroads.com</u>. For any questions about this, contact Patrick or Stanley.

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- 1. The Messiah would be ______ of a ______.
 - The prophecy:
 - Isaiah 7:14 ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.
 - The fulfillment:
 - Luke 1:34-34 ³⁴ And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"
 - ³⁵ And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.
 - Matthew 1:22-23 ²¹ She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:
 - ²³ "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel"
 - Immanuel God with us.

2. A ______ would come before the Messiah.

- The Prophecy:
 - Malachi 3:1 "Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me.
 And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts.
 - Malachi 4:5-6 ⁵ "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. ⁶ And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."
 - Isaiah 40:3-5 ³ A voice cries:
 - "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;
 - make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
 - ⁴ 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.
 - ⁵ And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together,
 - for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."
- The Fulfillment:
 - John 1:22-23 ²² So they said to him, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?"²³ He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said."

- Matthew 11:9-10 ⁹ What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰ This is he of whom it is written,
 "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.'
- Mark 6:14-17 ¹⁴ King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." ¹⁵ But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶ But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

3. The Messiah would be born in ______.

- The Prophecy:
 - o Micah 5:2 -

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old,

- from ancient days.
- The Fulfillment:
 - Matthew 2:1 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem,
 - John 7:40-43 ⁴⁰ When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This really is the Prophet." ⁴¹ Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? ⁴² Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the offspring of David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" ⁴³ So there was a division among the people over him

4. The Messiah would be called out of ______.

- The Prophecy:
 - Hosea 11:1 When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.
- The Fulfillment:
 - Matthew 2:13-15 ¹³ Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴ And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son."

5. The Messiah would be called a _____

- The Fulfillment:
 - ²³ And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.
- The Prophecy:
 - $\circ~$ Psalm 22:6-7 6 But I am a worm and not a man,

scorned by mankind and despised by the people.

⁷ All who see me mock me;

they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;

- ⁸ "He trusts in the Lord; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"
- Isaiah 53:3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

6. The Messiah would be a descendant of ______.

- The Prophecy:
 - Genesis 12:3 ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."^[C]
- The Fulfillment:
 - Acts 3:24-26 ²⁴ And all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and those who came after him, also proclaimed these days. ²⁵ You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, 'And in your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.' ²⁶ God, having raised up his servant, sent him to you first, to bless you by turning every one of you from your wickedness."

7. The Messiah would be a descendant of ______.

- The Prophecy:
 - 2 Samuel 7:12-17 ¹² When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴ I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, ¹⁵ but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. 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.
- The Fulfillment:
 - Matthew 1:1 The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Luke 1:32-33 - ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

8. The Messiah would be a prophet like _____

- The Prophecy:
 - Deuteronomy 18:15-19 ¹⁵ "The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—¹⁶ just as you desired of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.' ¹⁷ And the Lord said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken. ¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. ¹⁹ And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.
- The Fulfillment:
 - John 6:14 ¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!"
 - Acts 7:35-37 ³⁵ "This Moses, whom they rejected, saying, 'Who made you a ruler and a judge?'—this man God sent as both ruler and redeemer by the hand of the angel who appeared to him in the bush. ³⁶ This man led them out, performing wonders and signs in Egypt and at the Red Sea and in the wilderness for forty years. ³⁷ This is the Moses who said to the Israelites, 'God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers.'

9. The Messiah would mediate a ______.

- The Prophecy:
 - Jeremiah 31:31-34 ³¹ "Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³² not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. ³³ For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."
- The Fulfillment:
 - Hebrews 8:6-13 ⁶ But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises. ⁷ For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion to look for a second.

⁸ For he finds fault with them when he says:

- "Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord,
 - when I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel

and with the house of Judah,

⁹ not like the covenant that I made with their fathers

on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. For they did not continue in my covenant,

and so I showed no concern for them, declares the Lord.

¹⁰ For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord:

I will put my laws into their minds,

and write them on their hearts,

and I will be their God,

and they shall be my people.

¹¹ And they shall not teach, each one his neighbor

and each one his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,'

for they shall all know me,

from the least of them to the greatest.

¹² For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more."

¹³ In speaking of a new covenant, he makes the first one obsolete. And what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.

- Matthew 26:27-28 ²⁷ And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, ²⁸ for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.
- Luke 22:20 ²⁰ And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.
- Hebrews 12:24 ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.
- 2 Corinthians 3:4-6 ⁴ Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God.⁵ Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, ⁶ who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

FIVE TAKE-AWAYS:

- 1. _____ that God had a plan that he perfectly executed in Jesus.
- 2. _____ on how God's plan brings salvation to sinners.
- 3. _____ in the love of God that planned to save you.
- 4. _____ now to the salvation invitation.
- 5. _____ the Good News to others.

STORED IN MY HEART REVIEW

- 1. Psalm 119:11 I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.
- 2. Psalm 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
- 3. Psalm 51:1-2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!
- 4. Genesis 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.
- 5. John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.
- 6. Philippians 4:6-7 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God, and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.