

BIBLE OVERVIEW – 2

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INTRODUCTION

We have been talking about the greatest story ever told

Now we come to the best part of that story

We have a free will that causes us to sin so we need someone to pay for our sins

God planned that He Himself would do it even before He created the world

To show us His plan God gave us the Bible which is where we read this story

22a. JESUS - BIRTH

Finally it came time for Jesus to be born

I'll make a triangle for God and I'll put a 2 in it for the second person of the Trinity

Jesus was **God** and He was **man**

He was completely man – just like us

He came as a baby and grew up

He had temptation and sorrows in His life

He got tired and He got hungry

He went through everything that we go through

So when we pray to Him we know He understands

He knows how you feel because He felt that way

He had to be a man like us in order to take our punishment

One man could only die for one other man

In order to die one time for all of us He had to be God

He suffered for all of our sins at once

He is completely God

But when He came to earth He **set aside that part** that would make it easier

God can know everything and do everything from where He was

Jesus took those things and put them aside – He didn't use them

That way He would face everything the way we do

He grew up for 30 years

22b. JESUS – BAPTISM & TEMPTATION

Then it became time for Him to go into ministry

His cousin John was baptizing

Was calling people to repent

He wanted them to be ready when the Messiah came
One day Jesus came to where John was baptizing
What did John call Him?
Behold the Lamb of God
Two times he called Him that
There were many, many names John could have used
So why did he use that one?
What's he referring to?
This is The One the Passover Sacrifice was teaching about
This is the sacrifice sent by God

So John baptized Jesus
A dove came down showing God's power
Then Jesus went into the wilderness for 40 days
Satan tried to stop Him by getting Him to sin
He had already tried to stop Him by having the babies killed in Bethlehem
Now the battle between God and Satan is much stronger
Satan the serpent is going into battle against God Himself
Only one can win, the other will be defeated
Jesus resisted Satan when He was tempted and won that battle
But more battles are coming



22c. JESUS - MIRACLES

After this Jesus traveled and told everyone who He was
So people would know He was different from everybody else He did miracles
That way He proved He was God
A miracle goes against the laws of nature

It would be like getting this bird to sit on my finger
I can make it do that

But that's not a miracle, It's a trick

What Jesus did were miracles

He healed people

He cast out demons

He spoke to the storm and it stopped

He walked on water

He brought people back to life

He showed that if He could heal physical ills He could heal spiritual ills

So for a year and a half He told everyone that He was Messiah

Some believed and followed Him but most didn't

They wanted a Messiah that would give them free food and freedom from Rome

But that's not what Jesus offered



He said they needed to leave everything to follow Him
He never promised to give them everything they wanted.
They didn't want to do what Jesus wanted, they wanted Jesus to do what they wanted

22d. DISCIPLES & TEACHING

So after a year most of the people stopped following Jesus
Then Jesus took the ones that were still following Him and **taught them**
He explained who He was and why He came to earth
He taught them how to pray
Showed what it means to follow Him
They were willing to accept His free gift of salvation

Salvation is a free gift God gives us but we have to accept it
Like if I were to give you this pen
You don't have to do anything, I paid for it
But it's not yours unless you accept it
By accepting salvation it means you go to heaven when you die
But it doesn't say anything about how you are going to live this life
God challenged those who accepted salvation to pick up their cross & follow Him
Salvation is free but being a **disciple** is very costly
We don't do what we want but we do what He wants
We stop living for ourselves
We give up sin itself and live a holy life for Him
Those who accept His free gift of salvation Jesus is challenging to be His disciples
There were many who didn't want to pay that price so they turned and left Him
But there were some who followed and learned

22e. JESUS - CRUCIFIXION

Then one day everything changed
The Jews were celebrating the **Passover**
Every year Jesus went to Jerusalem and celebrated the Passover
They didn't use lamb's blood, instead they used the juice of the grape
They didn't put it on the door but drank it
It was a picture of the Passover Lamb that died when they left Egypt
They also ate unleavened bread, just like the night they left Egypt
Leaven is a picture of sin so this bread is a picture of something without sin
When Jesus took it that night He changed the meaning
He said this is no longer a picture of the lamb's blood it is a picture of My blood
This is no longer a picture of unleavened bread it is a picture of My sinless body



This is a picture of the Lord's Supper, of the innocent blood that was shed

After doing this Jesus went from the Upper Room to Gethsemane

There He was **arrested** and taken before the religious leaders

They took Him before Pilate and Herod

He was badly mocked and **beaten**

They made a crown of thorns and pushed it down on His head

They were mocking Him as a king

They blindfolded Him and hit Him as hard as they could

Then they would ask, "who did this?"

They would pull out handfuls of His beard and spit on Him

They striped Him naked and hung Him up to whip Him

They used large whips on His back

It had pieces of glass and stone in it which got under His skin and tore it off

Thirty-nine times they did that

They said 40 would kill a man so they only did 39

There was no flesh left on His back

You could see the bones and the nerves

Then they put a big wooden **cross** on His back for Him to carry up the hill

He was so weak He couldn't carry it so they made someone else carry it for Him

When He got to the top of the hill they threw Him down on top of the wood

They got big nails and put them through His wrists

Then they bent His knees and nailed His feet together on the cross

Then they picked up the cross and dropped it into a hole in the ground

Crucifixion was the most cruel death man could invent

People would stay alive for days until they died

They would die because they could no longer breathe

When they were hanging on the cross their shoulders pushed into their
lungs so they couldn't breathe

That's why they bent their knees when they nailed them to the cross

Then they could push up and make their legs straight

That way the pressure would be off their shoulders and they could breathe

But the pain would be so great that they would have to go back down again

Can you imagine how it felt for the rough wood to rub against His raw back?

That's why Jesus didn't talk much while on the cross

His body was in much pain

During all this time He was being **attacked by Satan** and all his demons

They were doing all they could to destroy Him

If they could get Him to quit or to die then they would win

And if they didn't they would spend eternity in Hell

So they were doing their very best to torment Him



He had to endure all that Satan and his demons could bring
Jesus said, “My God, My God, why have you **forsaken** me?”
“My God” = God the Father (1 finger up)
“My God” = God the Spirit (2 fingers up)
He always had perfect fellowship with the Father and the Spirit
This is the first time He was separated from them
We know what it is like to be separated from God because we have sinned many
times in our life
But Jesus had never done that before
Now He is feeling the guilt and shame for every sin that was ever committed
In order to pay for our sins He had to suffer for every one of them
He was our substitute
He would suffer all of this at one time
Every sin was put on Him
Every sin of everyone that ever lived
All of that put on one person
When Jesus died He died for **each one of us individually**
There was a time when He was hanging on the cross that He thought of your name
and saw your face
He paid the penalty for every sin you would ever commit
It was before we were born and He knew all about us
He had to decide if He would die for your sins
When He saw you and knew your name He said, “Yes”
He agreed for every one of us
If you had been the only one who ever sinned He would have done it for you
He would have suffered all the pain to His body
He had all this oppression from Satan and his demons
He was feeling all our guilt and shame
God had withdrawn His presence and God’s judgment was on Him
He stayed there for three hours
Why did He do it?
Why did He stay on that cross?
Was it the nails that held Him there?
He did it because He **loves** us
That is the only reason He did it
Can you imagine anyone loving you that much?
Don’t ever think He doesn’t love you
Don’t ever think you are alone
Sometimes things happen and God seems far away
When you remember the cross you know His love for you
We don’t understand all He does out of love for us

After the last sin was paid for Jesus said, "It is **finished**"
That was the word they would write when somebody paid something
It means "Paid in full" because the debt is paid
Every sin was paid for
Jesus was the One giving the gift

He didn't have to hang there in shame and pain any longer
The Bible says **He gave up His Spirit**
You see sin didn't kill Jesus
When the debt was paid then He was no longer separated from God
Because the price was paid He could go to heaven and be with God

They took His body off the cross and **buried** it
It was three in the afternoon when they took His body down
That is the very time when the Passover lamb was being killed in the Temple for the
whole nation
While the priests were doing that the veil in the temple was torn from top to bottom
God was showing we don't have to be separated from God's presence because it
was finished and sin was paid for

22f. JESUS - RESURRECTION

There were three men on the cross that day
It was Jesus and two thieves
They all died and they were all put in tombs
One of the thieves had put his faith in Jesus
Jesus said to him, "Today you will be with me in paradise"
The other thief had rejected Jesus so he spent eternity in hell
So who does that leave in the tomb?
Jesus?
He's not there He has risen
God has shown that He is victorious
That He conquered sin
The cross was God's judgment on sin
It was what He foretold from the beginning
It was the worst judgment ever but sin was paid for because of what Jesus did
And then He **came back to life**
So let's make an empty tomb here
The stone is away from the opening
They didn't move the stone to let Jesus out
Jesus was already out
They moved the stone to let people in to see inside
He appeared to over 500 people for 40 days



22g. JESUS – ASCENSION & PRESENT

Then He ascended back to heaven



25. CHURCH – Hebrews – Jude, up to today

The disciples kept telling the story

He told them to spread the Word until He returns so that's what they did

It went from Peter and Paul and the others down to us today

We are in the time of the Church

We know the Church is more than a building

The Church is all God's people

This is the time we live in

Jesus has come and gone back to heaven

We're waiting for Him to return



26. RAPTURE

One day the trumpet will sound and He will come back

He won't come all the way to the ground but He will call us to heaven

We'll be caught up to be with Him



27. TRIBULATION, MILLENNIUM, ETERNITY

He takes us out of the world because terrible judgment is coming

Our sins were nailed to the cross

We accepted that payment so there is no more judgment for us

Noah was safe in the ark

God took Lot out of Sodom before judgment came there

He got Rahab safely out of Jericho as well

The tribulation will be a time of terrible judgment on earth

At the end of that Jesus will come to earth

We will come with Him

It will be God's final judgment on all sin

All evil will be gone

Satan and demons will be in hell forever

God's people will rule and reign with Him for all eternity

So we will go on for all eternity with God

How long is forever?

On and on never ending



CONCLUSION

So that's my story
Was it a good story?
Best story yet!
That's the story God gives us the privilege of telling others
They might not listed but still we tell the story
Some will listen and some will respond
It is the story of how sin is removed

There is clean water here
I have iodine
Iodine is poison, it is a picture of sin
When Adam and Eve sinned sin entered the human race
It came and it spread everywhere
There is nothing we can do about it
There is no way we can remove it
The water can't clean itself
There is one solution
Do you know what the solution is?
The cross removes sin
That's our story – the best story ever!