



St. Thomas Aquinas Youth (STAY)

Jesus: The Promise

Outline of Events:

Will be given that night. Matt will run large group from 7:20 to 7:50 then we will break into small groups.

Main Points

- When Jesus said that he was God, the fulfillment of prophecies, how did He back up this claim? C.S. Lewis said that Jesus is either a liar, a lunatic or His is Lord. Can we prove that He is Lord?
- Why did Jesus leave us His image, the image of a crucified man? The markings of the Shroud of Turin and what it tells us about Jesus. This is a separate worksheet found at remnantband.com/stay.
- We can back up that Jesus really lived and we can show through the fact that He fulfills all the prophecies that He is who He says He is...GOD
- The person of Jesus both man and God is praised in our prayers, both sung and spoken what do these prayers teach us about Christ?

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- Napoleon Bonaparte -

Sacred Scripture - The Promise of the Redeemer

Genesis 3:15

I will put enmity between you (satan) and the woman (Mary), and between your offspring and hers; He (Christ) will strike at your head, while you strike at his heel.

Micah 5:2

Therefore the Lord will give them up, until the time when she who is to give birth has borne, and the rest of his brethren shall return to the Children of Israel.

Genesis 49:10

The scepter shall never depart from Judah, or the mace from between his legs, While tribute is brought to him, and he receives the people's homage.

Isaiah 7:14

Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall be with child, and bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.

Isaiah 40:3

A voice (St. John the Baptist) cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the Lord! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!

Numbers 24:17

I see him, though not now; I behold him, though not near: A star shall advance from Jacob, and a staff shall rise from Israel, That shall smite the brows of Moab, and the skulls of all the Shuthites

Psalms 72:10

May the kings of Tarshish and the islands bring tribute, the kings of Arabia and Seba offer gifts.

Jeremiah 31:15—prefiguring of the Holy Innocents (Matthew 2:18)

In Ramah is heard the sound of moaning, of bitter weeping! Rachel mourns her children, she refuses to be consoled because her children are no more.

Psalm 2:7

I will proclaim the decree of the Lord, who said to me, "You are my son; today I am your father."

Isaiah 35: 5-6

Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared

Daniel 2:44

The God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed...and it shall consume all these kingdom, and itself shall stand forever."

It was also predicted that he would enter Jerusalem riding on a donkey, He would be betrayed by one who ate at the same table. He would be abandoned, mocked, beaten, spat upon, scourged, crowned with thorns and given gall and vinegar to drink. Lots would be cast for His garments. His hands and feet would be pierced with nails. Hew would die between two evildoers. The angels announced Him as the Redeemer to the shepherds when he was born, and to St. Joseph in a dream.

The God-Man

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Because "human nature was assumed, not absorbed," in the mysterious union of the Incarnation, the Church was led over the course of centuries to confess the full reality of Christ's human soul, with its operations of intellect and will, and of his human body. In parallel fashion, she had to recall on each occasion that Christ's human nature belongs, as his own, to the divine person of the Son of God, who assumed it. Everything that Christ is and does in this nature derives from "one of the Trinity." The Son of God therefore communicates to his humanity his own personal mode of existence in the Trinity. In his soul as in his body, Christ thus expresses humanly the divine ways of the Trinity:

The Son of God . . . worked with human hands; he thought with a human mind. He acted with a human will, and with a human heart he loved. Born of the Virgin Mary, he has truly been made one of us, like to us in all things except sin.

Christ a human claimed to be GOD! C.S. Lewis said that Jesus is either a liar, a lunatic or Lord. There have been humans in the past and will be humans in the future that believe they are God, but Jesus proved through miracles, prophecies, knowledge of all things, and holiness that He is not a liar or a lunatic but LORD.

Here is what Jesus claimed, this is what He said:

Matthew 28:18—All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Matthew 26:63-64—And the high priest said to him, "I order you to tell us under oath before the living God whether you are the Messiah, the Son of God." Jesus said to him in reply, "You have said so. But I tell you: From now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven."

John 10:30—I and the Father are one

Here is how Jesus backed up His claim, the ways he walked the talk:

1. Jesus performed miracles in His own name to prove that He was God. He forgave sins in His own name to prove that He was God. He used His miracles as a testimony of the truth of His doctrines and divinity.

John 10:38—If you are not willing to believe me, believe the works."

2. Jesus foretold future events, for example, His own passion, death and resurrection, the treason of Judas and the perpetuity of the Church.

3. The Apostles not only taught the Jesus the man, was God but where willing to die for it:

St. John (John 1:14); St. Paul (Col. 2:9); St. Thomas (John 20:28); St. Peter (Matthew 16:16).

Of all the religious leaders: Krishna, Muhammad, Buddha, Jesus can they say yes to the following:

- Claim to be God
- Work miracles in the own name.
- Fulfill prophecies
- Predict their own death.
- Rise from the dead.
- Foretell future events.
- Did their followers teach they were God and die for that belief.
- Did they leave a picture of themselves?

“Jesus is either a Liar, a Lunatic or Lord.”

The God-Man

4. Even enemies of the Catholic Church have admitted the Jesus is both God and Man. Napoleon on his death bed said:

“I know men, but Jesus Christ was more than man. My men deserted me in the field when I was there leading them. Christ’s army has been faithful for centuries. A leader who has a army which functions though He is dead is not a man.”

5. Jesus meets all the prophecies. What are the odds?

One out of every...

563 catch a foul ball, 685,000 drown in bathtub, 880,000 date a supermodel, 2 million win the lottery, 6 million die in shark attack, 10 million are president of US

The odds that one person would fulfill all the prophecies of the Old Testament would be like winning the lottery 22 times in a row.

Here are just some of the prophecies of which Jesus fulfilled these and ALL the prophecies.

preach in parables, work miracles, **rejected by brethren**, ministry in Galilee, entry into Jerusalem, **will live in poverty**, called Immanuel, born in Bethlehem, persons will come to adore, slaying of children, out of Egypt, preceded by a herald, anointed by the Spirit, born of a virgin, Jew & Gentile rise against, **betrayed by a friend**, sold for 30 pieces of silver, **silence under suffering, hit on cheek**, scourged, hand and feet pierced, vinegar and gall offered, cast lots for garments, **numbered among thieves, forgave his murders**, death and resurrection, **no broken bones**, conversion of Gentiles, Universal dominion.

There is NO question that Jesus is who he says he is, he is the Messiah and fulfills all the prophecies.

Some people believe Jesus was a man, but deny that He was or is God. The previous five reasons prove He is God, but what about the people that think he never existed? How can you really prove that He existed. We can prove that Jesus existed the same way we can prove that other humans have existed, history tells us they have, their story, live has been passed down. How can you prove George Washington existed or any other person that you actually never saw or touched? We have faith in history?

The birth of Jesus Christ is a fact of history. He was born of Mary, who was espoused to a carpenter named Joseph, who lived in Nazareth of Galilee, who preached in and about Jerusalem over nineteen hundred years ago. Many records tell of His appearance, of His words, of His actions, of His teachings. Nobody doubted the Jesus Christ was a Man, for He could be seen and touched by other men. He lived and died just as men of all times live and die.

Testimonium Flavianum by Josephus a historian is one of the best know non-biblical accounts of Jesus.

“Now there was about this time Jesus, a wise man, if it be lawful to call him a man; for he was a doer of wonderful works, a teacher of such men as receive the truth with pleasure. He drew over to him both many of the Jews and many of the Gentiles. He was [the] [Christ](#). And when [Pilate](#), at the suggestion of the principal men amongst us, had condemned him to the cross, those that loved him at the first did not forsake him; for he appeared to them alive again the third day; as the divine prophets had foretold these and ten thousand other wonderful things concerning him. And the tribe of Christians, so named from him, are not extinct at this day.”

Jesus Christ, the God—Man leaves us his picture

The "Man of the Shroud" has a [beard](#), [moustache](#), and shoulder-length [hair](#) parted in the middle. He is muscular and tall (various experts have measured him as from 1.75 m, or roughly 5 ft 9 [in](#), to 1.88 m, or 6 ft 2 [in](#)). For a man of the first century (the time of Jesus' death) these figures present an above-average height. Reddish brown stains are found on the cloth and have been tested and proved to be blood. The stains show various wounds that correlate with the passion and crucifixion, and the Biblical description of the death of [Jesus](#). The Shroud was

- one wrist bears a large, round wound, apparently from [piercing](#) (the second wrist is hidden by the folding of the hands)
- upward gouge in the side penetrating into the thoracic cavity, a post-mortem event as indicated by separate components of red blood cells and serum draining from the lesion
- small punctures around the forehead and scalp
- scores of linear wounds on the torso and legs claimed to be consistent with the distinctive dumbbell wounds of a Roman [flagrum](#). There are a total of 120 marks, which would match with 40 blows (the amount that was typically given by the Jews). For each blow there would have been three marks because of the flagrum used.
- swelling of the face from severe beatings
- streams of blood down both arms that include blood dripping from the main flow in response to gravity at an angle that would occur during crucifixion
- no evidence of either leg being fractured
- large puncture wounds in the feet as if pierced by a single spike

Other physical characteristics of the shroud include the presence of large water stains, and from a fire in 1532, burn holes and scorched areas down both sides of the linen due to contact with molten silver that burned through it in places while it was folded. Some small burn holes that apparently are not from the 1532 event are also present. In places, there are permanent creases due to repeated foldings, such as the line that is evident below the chin of the image.

On [May 28, 1898](#), amateur Italian photographer [Secondo Pia](#) took the first photograph of the shroud and was startled by the [negative](#) in his [darkroom](#). Negatives of the image give the appearance of a positive image, which implies that the shroud image is itself effectively a negative of some kind.

Image analysis by scientists at the [Jet Propulsion Laboratory](#) found that rather than being like a photographic negative, the image unexpectedly has the property of decoding into a 3-D image of the man when the darker parts of the image are interpreted to be those features of the man that were closest to the shroud and the lighter areas of the image those features that were farthest. This is not a property that occurs in [photography](#), and researchers could not replicate the effect when they attempted to transfer similar images using techniques of block print, engravings, a hot statue, and [bas-relief](#).

If Jesus was a Jew...Why aren't we Jesus?

The Jewish faith is the true Faith but was fulfilled by the Catholic Faith.

The Jewish faith was for the Jews only , the Catholic or Universal Faith is for Gentile, Jew and Barbarian.

If the Catholic Faith (33AD) is the fulfillment of the Jewish Faith (2000BC), is the Protestant Faith (1500AD) the fulfillment of the Catholic Faith?

NO! The of the Jewish faith as a cup, the foundation. The Catholic Faith is that cup filled to the top by the Grace and Truth of Jesus Christ who founded a Church. The Protestant Faith accept the cup but do not accept all that fills the cup, in fact the nature of Protestantism is to protest, to pour out some of the Grace and Truth within the cup. The cup is not full. The Protestant Faith does not fulfill or add to the Catholic Faith but instead takes only some of the truth disagreeing with the rest.

Matthew 5:17

“I have come not to abolish the law & prophets but to fulfill them.”

Jesus doesn't negate or do away with any of the 613 laws and doesn't dishonor or negate any of the prophets, he does say that all 613 laws are summed up in 2 and that he is the one that the prophets spoke of.

Matthew 9:17

New wine into new wine skin.

All that is in the old is transformed in the new.

Ask your group some examples of how Jesus is the fulfillment of the Old Testament and how the things Christ (the New Law) establishes completes and fulfills the Old Law.

Circumcision > Baptism

Animal Sacrifice > Crucifixion (Holy Sacrifice of Mass)

12 tribes > 12 apostles

Moses bring the 10 commandment down from mountain > Jesus preaches the 8 beatitudes on the sermon on the mount.

Abraham goes to sacrifice his one and only son Isaac > God sacrifices His one and only son

Eve, the mother of man, says NO > Mary, the mother of the God-Man, says YES

During the Passover the angel of death passes over doorpost marked with the blood of the lamb > When do not suffer eternal death if we are marked with the blood of the lamb, Jesus Christ.

The ark of the Covenant held the manna, Moses staff and the Ten Commandments > The new ark of the Covenant (Mary) held the bread of life, the New Moses and the New Law, the word made flesh.

And there are many, many, more...

Some Thoughts...

1. Most of our sacred song, whether they are Christmas carols, traditional hymns, sacred chant or even modern praise and worship song have to do with the person of Christ. Many express His human attributes, many His divine. Through our songs we sing about the one we love, Jesus Christ. Pick any song that has to do with Christ, play, sing it or read it and ask your group what human attributes, what divine attributes stand out. If music is sung in the large group then you can ask your group to share one or two things that they remember about Jesus in the songs that were sung.
2. The have you ever game...Jesus wins!
Have everyone in your group stand up. Have them keep standing only if what you say is true in their life. For example, everyone stands. Have you ever eaten a worm, 5 people sit who have never eaten a worm. You can do a trial run with some fun things just to get to know each other but then do the following list which is found on page 4, number 5. Have you:

Told a story to get your point across (talk in parables)

Been rejected by friends (Rejected by brethren)

Betrayed by a friend

Suffered in silence (did not complain)

Never broken a bone

hit on the cheek

be associated with “the wrong crowd” (numbered among thieves)

forgiven your enemies (forgave his murders)

lived in poverty

If you are still standing you could be the Messiah, let’s keep going:

have you worked miracles
is your name Immanuel
were you born in Bethlehem
did people come to adore
were you proceeded by a herald
born of a virgin
sold for 30 pieces of silver
scourged
hand and feet pierced
did you die and resurrect
do you have universal dominion.

OK so you are not the Messiah, but Jesus fills ALL of these prophecies.

3. When are some examples that people who have died live their image with us? Have you ever given someone a picture before you moved? Think of yearbooks, Facebook pics, Statues, Monuments, etc. Read page 5 and download the Shroud Talk (3 pages) and discuss why Jesus would leave us his image, his picture.
4. Pray the Litany of the Holy Name (page 9 & 10) What attributes of Jesus stand out the most to you?
5. Read the Sacred Scripture (page 2) What prophecy of Jesus do you think is the most clear?
6. Page 3 and 4 have some good questions that could be asked to your group.
7. Page 6 has more of an apologetics feel discuss the relationship between (Jew, Catholic, Protestant)

Lex Orandi, Lex Credenti (Prayer and Belief)

Litany of the Most Holy Name of Jesus.

LORD, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.
Jesus, hear us. Jesus, graciously hear us. God, the Father of heaven, have mercy on us.
God, the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us. God, the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Son of the living God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, splendor of the Father, have mercy on us.
Jesus, brightness of eternal light, have mercy on us.
Jesus, king of glory, have mercy on us.
Jesus, the sun of justice, have mercy on us.
Jesus, son of the Virgin Mary, have mercy on us.
Jesus, amiable, have mercy on us.
Jesus, admirable, have mercy on us.
Jesus, the powerful God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, father of the world to come, have mercy on us.
Jesus, angel of the great council, have mercy on us.
Jesus, most powerful, have mercy on us.
Jesus, most patient, have mercy on us.
Jesus, most obedient, have mercy on us.
Jesus, meek and humble of heart, have mercy on us.
Jesus, lover of chastity, have mercy on us.
Jesus, lover of us, have mercy on us.
Jesus, God of peace, have mercy on us.
Jesus, author of life, have mercy on us.
Jesus, model of all virtues, have mercy on us.
Jesus, zealous for souls, have mercy on us.
Jesus, our God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, our refuge, have mercy on us.
Jesus, father of the poor, have mercy on us.
Jesus, treasure of the faithful, have mercy on us.
Jesus, good shepherd, have mercy on us.
Jesus, true light, have mercy on us.
Jesus, eternal wisdom, have mercy on us.
Jesus, infinite goodness, have mercy on us.
Jesus, our way and our life, have mercy on us.
Jesus, joy of angels, have mercy on us.
Jesus, king of patriarchs, have mercy on us.
Jesus, master of apostles, have mercy on us.
Jesus, teacher of the evangelists, have mercy on us.
Jesus, strength of martyrs, have mercy on us.
Jesus, light of confessors, have mercy on us.
Jesus, purity of virgins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, crown of all saints, have mercy on us.

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Lex Orandi, Lex Credenti (Prayer and Belief)

Be merciful, Spare us, O Jesus.
Be merciful, Graciously hear us, O Jesus
From all evil, deliver us, O Jesus.
From all sin, deliver us, O Jesus.
From Thy wrath, deliver us, O Jesus.
From the snares of the devil, deliver us, O Jesus.
From the spirit of fornication, deliver us, O Jesus.
From eternal death, deliver us, O Jesus.
From a neglect of Thy inspirations, deliver us, O Jesus.
By the mystery of Thy holy Incarnation, deliver us, O Jesus.
By Thy nativity, deliver us, O Jesus.
By Thy infancy, deliver us, O Jesus.
By Thy most divine life, have mercy on us.
By Thy labors, have mercy on us.
By Thy agony and passion, have mercy on us.
By Thy cross and dereliction, have mercy on us.
By Thy languors, have mercy on us.
By Thy death and burial, have mercy on us.
By Thy resurrection, have mercy on us.
By Thy ascension, have mercy on us.
By Thy institution of the Most Holy Eucharist, deliver us, O Jesus.
By Thy joys, deliver us, O Jesus.
By Thy glory, deliver us, O Jesus.

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, Spare us, O Jesus!
Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, Hear us, O Jesus!
Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, Have mercy on us, O Jesus!

Jesus, hear us.
Jesus, graciously hear us.

Let us pray.

O, LORD Jesus Christ, Who has said, 'Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you!' mercifully attend to our supplications and grant us the gift of your divine charity, that we may ever love you with our whole heart and never desist from Thy praise.

Give us, O Lord, a perpetual respect and love of Thy holy name; for you never cease to govern those whom you instruct in the solidity of Thy love. Who lives and reigns, one God, world without end. Amen.