

TWtT 2020: Old Made New

Session 2: "The Rock Was Christ": The OT and Christ



Introduction: Recap of Session 1

A. Foundational principles

1. John 1:45; John 12:16; Acts 8:35; Matt 26:24/Mark 12:24; 1 Cor 15:3-4
2. Jesus is central to understanding the OT
3. The OT is central to understanding Jesus ← *Our main focus tonight*
4. Luke 24:44-45 – Per Jesus himself, the OT reveals two aspects
 - _____: Who he is (identity)
 - _____: What he does (mission)

Teaching takeaway: The way the NT reads the OT should shape the way we read the OT

B. OT and the *Person* of Christ

1. Humanity

- Pictures of a human deliverer given in the OT:
- Diversity of expectations in the first century era (Matt 16:13-14)
- Key examples
 - _____: Acts 3:20-22 (Deut 18:15)
 - _____: Heb 3:3-5 (Exodus–Deuteronomy)
 - _____: Heb 7:15-17 (Ps 110:4 and Gen 14)
 - _____: Matt 2:1-6 (Mic 5:2)

- _____: Matt 21:9 (Ps 118:26) ← *Double-click*
- _____: Mark 14:62 (Dan 7:13) ← *Double-click*
- The “light-bulb” moment of the NT: Jesus _____ all OT expectations

Teaching takeaway: Avoid vague “messianic” mashed potatoes

2. Divinity

- Strikingly, the NT *appeals to the OT* to prove the divinity of Jesus
- Preexistence: _____
 - 1 Cor 10:1-4 (Exod 17:6 → Num 20:11)
 - Jude 5 (Exodus 14 and Numbers)
- Worship
 - Phil 2:9-11 (Isa 45:23) ← *Double-click*
- Group exercise (option 1 or option 2)

	(1) Luke 20:41-44	(2) John 12:37-41*
1. Mode		
2. Wording		
3. Double click		
4. Remix		

* In the interest of time, focus on the second quotation (revisit the first quotation on your own)

Teaching takeaway: See the fullness of Christ’s divinity in Scripture
Teaching takeaway: OT doesn’t ‘just’ point to Christ...he’s at work in the OT too!

C. OT and the *Work* of Christ

1. Diverse ways the OT anticipates the mission of Christ
 - a. Deliver from bondage: 1 Cor 5:7 (Passover, Exodus 14)
 - b. Bring healing: Luke 4:17-18 (Isa 61:1-2)
 - c. Send the Spirit: Acts 2:16-33 (Joel 2:28-32)
 - d. Conquer death: 1 Cor 15:25-55 (Ps 8:6 and Hos 13:14)
 - e. Rule over all: Rev 5:5 (Gen 49:9-10 and Isa 11:1) ← *Double-click*
 - f. Atonement for sin: Rom 8:3 (*peri hamartias*; Lev 4) ← *Double-click*
2. Paying attention to the OT intertexts helps deepen our understanding
 - a. Death on the cross, yes – but there’s more!

Teaching takeaway: The OT helps us be more precise in understanding the contours of *all* of Christ’s work

D. Transitioning to teaching

1. Remember the basics
2. Be willing to pause and dig deeper
3. Help your audience make big-picture connections about Christ
 - a. Scripture bears witness to a Triune God
 - b. Jesus was not a “one-trick-pony”
4. Help your audience develop instincts for seeing Christ in the OT as well
 - a. (Moving from OT-in-NT passages to the full OT itself)
 - b. Patterns about his person: prophet, priest, king, shepherd, preexistent Son
 - c. Patterns about his work: proclaimer, sustainer, healer, liberator, etc.
5. Help your audience connect from OT, to Christ in the NT, *to today*
 - a. “Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever” (Heb 13:8)

E. Homework

1. Mark 1:1-3
2. Hebrews 1:1-8

Study each passage’s engagement with OT using the tools we’ve learned. Develop a “skeleton” Bible study as practice.