

RELEVANCE

Answer the following question. Be honest and open about your answers.

Would you agree with the Bible's opinion about people's sin?

- a) Yes b) No c) Don't know

Which of the following do you think you are?

- a) a good person b) a sinful person c) not sure

Which of the following statements apply to you?

- a) I don't think I have done anything to God and I don't need him to save me.
b) I know that I am sinful and I need God to save me from sin and punishment.
c) I don't know how I feel about myself and I'm not sure about God.

How will you respond to Jesus Christ?

- a) I want to trust in Him and know Him more as my God.
b) I don't think He is God.
c) I am not sure about Jesus and who He is.

TALK NOTES

What next?

The climax of the Old Testament: Jesus the Christ

*Dear God,
I believe that you are the Creator and King of this world.
I admit that by not living your way I have angered you,
and I have broken my relationship with you.
But I would like to come home.
Thank you that Jesus has done everything necessary so
that I can be accepted by you again.
Please help me to live with Jesus as my Saviour and my
King, for the rest of my life.
Amen.*



FOCUS BIBLE STUDY

STUDY 10 — THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST

THE STORY SO FAR

This is our last Bible study in the Bible Overview series. We've mainly looked at the Old Testament and today we will see what it all means. If you are new to the group and you are NOT familiar with the story, ask one of the group members or your group leader to briefly give a short summary of the story so far. If you want more details the talks from previous studies can be found at www.focusonthegospel.yolasite.com or you can see a short summary on <https://youtu.be/3dEh25pduQ8>.

DISCUSS

In your opinion what do you think is the biggest difference between Christianity and all the other major religions (Hinduism, Judaism, Islam, Buddhism)? Choose from one below and discuss the answers:

- a) Christianity is mostly Western but the other religions are not Western.
- b) Christianity has the most followers.
- c) Christianity has the least followers.
- d) Christianity is modern and trendy.
- e) Christianity says that people cannot save themselves.
- f) Other answers ...

READ ACTS 7:1-53 — THE WHOLE STORY SUMMED UP

This is one of the best summaries of the whole Bible by the Bible. Do you have any questions about names, places and events with which you are not familiar?

All through the story there is a constant theme. What were the people's attitude towards God?

- v39-41

- v51-53

What did the people do to Jesus Christ? Explain why?

- v52

THE STORY OF THE BIBLE

The story of the Bible is about how God patiently loved his creatures even though they rejected Him and ignored Him. It is a story of how God judged his people when they worshipped idols and how God saved them when they came back to Him. The OT shows how God used prophets, priests and kings to lead his people. God promised that he will save them and kept his promise even though the people were stubborn.

They continued to be stubborn when Jesus came and they killed him. But that was God's plan from the beginning. This makes Christianity different because the Bible says that humans cannot do anything good to save themselves. The Jewish history shows how bad humans are. But God is so loving that he saves even his enemies.

WHAT DOES THE NEW TESTAMENT SAY?

Read Romans 3:21-26.

In v21,22 how did God make people right with Him?

According to v23, what was humanity like?

How can it be right to make guilty people innocent? Isn't this unjust? (Look at verses 25-26.)

Why is it impossible to please God by trying to obey his law and commands?

SUMMARY — FINAL ACTIVITY

Now that we have completed our very brief Bible Overview series, how would you say that the story of the Old Testament connects to Jesus?