



INTRODUCTION

Part 2 - Deliverers: Moses and Jesus

Has curiosity ever gotten the best of you, and you secretly opened a Christmas present early to see what you were going to get...only to rewrap it and pretend you were surprised at Christmas?

Though the Christmas story—as it is “unwrapped” in the gospels—contains many surprises, the Old Testament believers should not have been surprised. God had not only revealed his “Christmas plan” through words (prophecies), but He also revealed it through stories. **Repackaged** looks at three Old Testament stories that point to God’s greatest gift of all.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was your favorite Christmas story when you were growing up? Why was it so meaningful to you?
2. Read Deuteronomy 18:15 and Acts 7:17-39. Can you think of ways that the story of Jesus was similar to the story of Moses?
3. Read Exodus 1:8,15-18 and Matthew 2:13-19. How are these stories similar? How are they different? Why do you think Herod wanted to kill Jesus?
4. Why do you think people today are opposed to Jesus? Why don’t some receive Him as their savior? Did you personally have a difficult time placing your faith in Him?
5. Read John 6:32-35; 1 Corinthians 10:1-4; and John 3:14-16. How was Jesus the fulfillment of the Old Testament “Exodus stories?” If these true Old Testament stories pointed to Christ, what can we conclude about God and the Bible?
6. Can you think of any other Old Testament stories that pointed to Christ?
7. How might we use the Christmas season to reach other people for Christ?
8. How might you apply this lesson to your life?

APPLICATION

God’s gift to the world—*His plan to deliver us from the penalty of our sin through the miraculous birth, life, death and resurrection of His own son, and the plan that would allow us to be with God forever in Heaven*—was clearly revealed through prophecies and through the stories of the Old Testament, given hundreds to thousands of years before Jesus was born.

The story of Moses points to Jesus. It was a prophetic picture.

- Rulers tried to kill both Moses and Jesus at their births
- Both Moses and Jesus were rejected as deliverers
- Both Moses and Jesus were called out of Egypt
- Both Jesus and Moses performed amazing miracles
- Both Moses and Jesus introduced a new covenant
- Both Moses and Jesus were “saviors,” but one provided physical deliverance and the other spiritual

What response should we have? We should turn to Jesus to be our savior and deliverer—to put our trust in Him. God’s eternal plan is true and meant to be understood. In faith, Jesus makes everything brand new, leading to praise and worship..

KEY VERSES

Deuteronomy 18:15	Matthew 2:13-19	Hosea 11:1	John 6:32-35	John 5:46
Acts 3:22	Acts 7:17-39	Acts 2:22	1 Corinthians 10:1-4	
Exodus 1:8, 15-18	John 1:11	John 1:17	John 3:14-16	

**Note: The message referenced a number of other verses in comparing Moses and Jesus. For further study and in addition to the references above, most of the other accounts referenced can be found in Genesis 46-47, Exodus 1-2, Exodus 13, Matthew 17:1-8, Exodus 19-20, Luke 22:14-20, Exodus 16:14-21, Exodus 17:6, John 4:14 and Numbers 21:4-8.*