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Creation



And behold,
it was very good

Genesis 1:31

Human Beings



In the image of God...
He created them.

Genesis 12:27-28

The Fall



She took of its
fruit and ate

Genesis 3:6-7

The Seed of the Woman vrs. the Seed of the Serpent

Genesis 3:15

¹⁵And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”

Redemption Promised



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**He shall bruise
your head.**

Genesis 3:15

Abraham



**In you all the families of
the earth shall be blessed.**

Genesis 12:2-3

Judah the King



**The scepter shall not
depart from Judah.**

Genesis 49:10

The Passover Lamb



**The LORD will pass
over the door.**

Exodus 12:23

The Law



**Obey my voice and keep
my covenant, you shall be
my treasured possession**

Exodus 19:4-5

King David



**I will establish the throne
of his kingdom forever.**

2 Samuel 7:12-13

The Suffering Servant



The LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

Isaiah 53:6

Resurrection Promised



**Can these
bones live?**

Ezekiel 37:3-5

THE WHOLE STORY
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But in the shadow of these prophecies, there was also a strong expectation that when God defeated sin and death, he would also wipe out the geopolitical enemies of Israel. The people had expected freedom on the other side of their exile in Babylon, but after they returned home, a series of foreign armies ruled over the Israelites, or the Jews, as they came to be known.



First, Alexander the Great conquered the nation, followed by a series of Greek and Egyptian rulers who kept the nation from regaining its independence. There was a short period of freedom under the Maccabees in the second century BC, but then the Romans seized control of the region. The great victory of God and his Messiah seemed a long way off.

~ Chris Bruno, *The Whole Story of the Bible in 16 Verses* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2015), 96.

Fulfillment!



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The time is
fulfilled.

Mark 1:14-15

Mark 1:1-15

¹The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, ²as it is written in Isaiah the prophet: “I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way” — “a voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.’ ”

Mark 1:1-15

⁴And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. ⁶John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.

Mark 1:1-15

⁷And this was his message: “After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Mark 1:1-15

⁹At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove.

¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." ¹²At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, ¹³and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

THIS WEEK'S BIBLE PASSAGE

Mark 1:14-15

¹⁴After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵“The time has come [is fulfilled],” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

ful·fill·ment

/foʊl'fɪlmənt/

noun

1. the achievement of something desired, promised, or predicted.

*“winning the championship was the fulfillment
of a childhood dream”*

2. the meeting of a requirement or condition.

“the fulfillment of statutory requirements”

“The appointed time has come to pass” (πεπλήρωται ὁ καιρός)... The message opens with two synthetically parallel declarations. The first speaks of the fulfillment of time; the second speaks of the coming of the Kingdom... The term “appointed time” (καιρός) generally connotes a decisive moment in time, an appointed time, a fixed season (cf. 11:13; 12:2) rather than an expanse or period of time. The verb πεπλήρωται thus has its redemptive historical connotation of “fulfillment” or “coming to pass” rather than “completion.” Instead of announcing a period of time reaching its conclusion, Jesus announces the coming to pass of a decisive moment in time...

“The Kingdom has come into history” (ἤγγικεν ἡ βασιλεία τοῦ Θεοῦ). This declaration confirms and [clarifies] the other. Jesus comes as the herald of Isa 52:7 and 61:1 who announces the good news of God’s rule. Mark uses “Kingdom” (c. 15x) [and is] set here as the content of Jesus’ message and synonymous with the “gospel” (1:14, 15), one can see the “Kingdom’s” great importance for Mark’s understanding of Jesus’ ministry.

~ Robert A. Guelich, *Mark 1-8:26*, vol. 34A, Word Biblical Commentary (Dallas: Word, Incorporated, 1989), 43-44.

Matthew 1:18-23

¹⁸This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. ²⁰But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said,

Matthew 1:18-23

“Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³“The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

Luke 4:14-21

¹⁴Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside.

¹⁵He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him. ¹⁶He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

Luke 4:14-21

¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free,
¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”
(from Isaiah 61:1-2)

Luke 4:14-21

²⁰Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. ²¹He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”



God created a kingdom, and he is the King, but he made human beings to represent him in that kingdom. Adam and Eve rejected this call, which led to sin and death. But God promised to defeat the Serpent through the seed of the woman, who is also the seed of Abraham. Through Abraham's family, and specifically Judah's royal seed, David, the covenant blessings would come to the world.



Because all people were guilty and deserved death, the sacrifices of the Mosaic law revealed more clearly their need for a substitute – the suffering servant. Through the servant and the work of the Spirit, God would establish a new covenant and give lasting life to his people in the new heavens and new earth. Jesus is the One through whom all of these promises find fulfillment.

~ Chris Bruno, *The Whole Story of the Bible in 16 Verses* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2015), 100.





Five lies
we hear
when we
are
impatient
with God:

1. God isn't
there?



2. God doesn't care?



ourgoodwinjou

God
Loves
Me



**3. Wait! Maybe God
doesn't love me?**

4. God is too weak to do anything?



**5. God is actually
mean?**



Galatians 4:4-5

⁴But when the set time had fully come,
God sent his Son,
born of a woman,
born under the law,
⁵to redeem those under the law,
that we might receive adoption to sonship.

The birth of Jesus is the grandest light of history, the sun in the heavens of all time. It is the polestar of human destiny, the hinge of chronology, the meeting place of the waters of the past and the future. Why did it happen just at that moment? Assuredly it was so predicted. There were prophecies, many which pointed exactly to that hour. He came at the hour that God had determined. The infinite Lord appoints the Date of every event; all times are in His hand.



There are no loose threads in the providence of God. No stitches are dropped; no events are left to chance. The great clock of the universe keeps good time, and the whole machinery of providence moves with unerring punctuality. It was to be expected that the greatest of all events should be most accurately and wisely timed, and so it was. God willed it to be when and where it was, and that will is to us the ultimate reason.

~ Charles Spurgeon, *Galatians*, ed. Elliot Ritzema, Spurgeon Commentary Series (Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2013), Ga 4:4.



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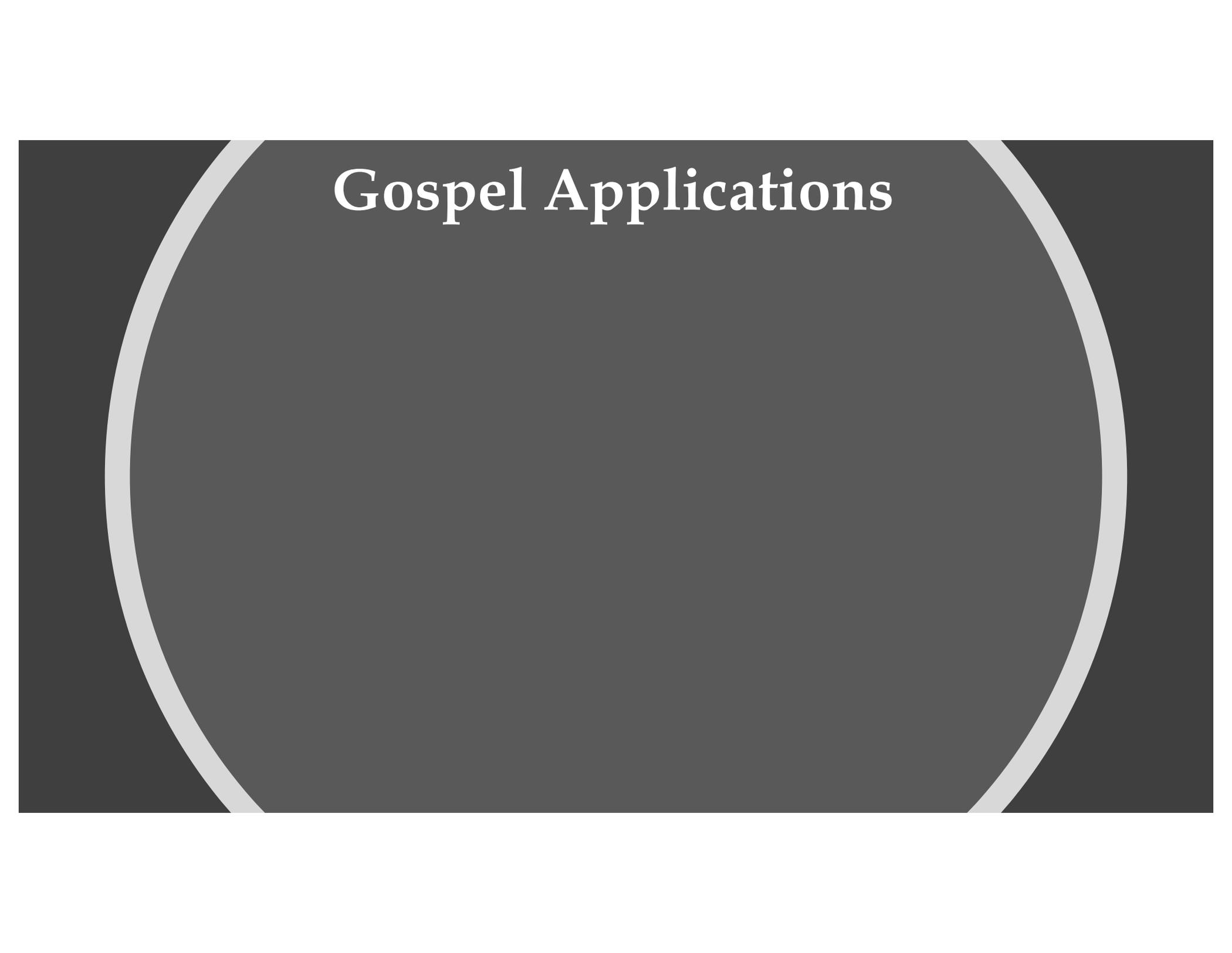
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Charles Blondin
crossing the
Niagara River in
1859

Gospel Applications



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*Are you waiting well as we wait for
Jesus' to fulfill all things?*

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*Are you in the wheelbarrow
of Repentance and Belief?*