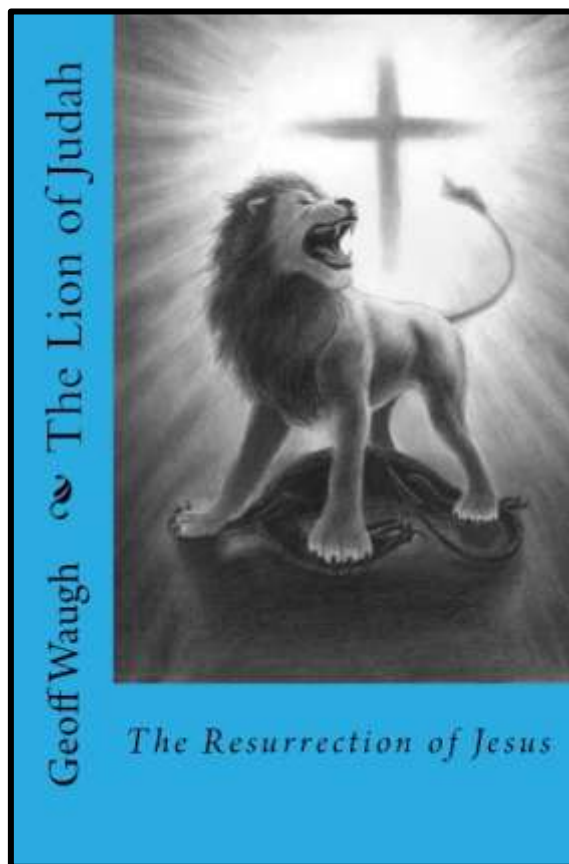


The Lion of Judah

The Resurrection of Jesus

Bible Studies on Jesus



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*'Twas Jesus, my Saviour, who died on the tree,
To open a fountain for sinners like me;
His blood is that fountain which pardon bestows,
And cleanses the foulest wherever it flows.*

*For the lion of Judah
shall break every chain,
And give us the vict'ry,
again and again.*

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Triumphant over the Dragon

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***The Lion of Judah on the coat of arms of Jerusalem.
The Hebrew word is Jerusalem.***

Introduction

This Lion of Judah series of devotional booklets is also compiled into one book called ***The Lion of Judah***. Each booklet is a chapter. These booklets (and chapters) are:

- 1. The Titles of Jesus***
- 2. The Reign of Jesus***
- 3. The Life of Jesus***
- 4. The Death of Jesus***
- 5. The Resurrection of Jesus***
- 6. The Spirit of Jesus***
- 7. The Lion of Judah***

The first booklet, ***1 The Titles of Jesus***, examines titles in the Bible used for Jesus, the Lion of the tribe of Judah (Revelation 5:5).

The second, ***2 The Reign of Jesus***, explores Bible prophecies about Jesus and how he fulfilled them as both Lion and Lamb. Matthew particularly emphasizes how Jesus fulfilled prophecy.

The third, ***3 The Life of Jesus***, covers his three years of ministry in outline. Mark, the shortest Gospel, provides a useful summary.

The fourth, ***4 The Death of Jesus***, including that momentous final week in Jerusalem, examines this greatest theme of the Bible. Luke gives us unique insights including Jesus talking about this with Moses and Elijah.

This one, ***5 The Resurrection of Jesus***, transcending death, describes his eternal reign and the victory he won for us by his love. John discusses this in all his books.

6 The Spirit of Jesus, surveys the breath taking scope of that victory. The book of The Acts traces some beginnings of those victories.

7 The Lion of Judah, compiles all the six booklets into one book.

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Some of the material in this book is repeated or condensed from the previous book The Lion of Judah (4) The Death of Jesus.

Lion of Judah

The Lion of Judah is one of the titles for Jesus, adapted from Revelation 5:5 – *Then one of the elders said to me, ‘Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.’*

Judah’s father Jacob called him a young lion and prophesied that ‘the sceptre shall not depart from Judah until Shiloh comes’ (Genesis 49:9-10 NKJV), or ‘until he comes to whom it belongs’ (RSV, NIV), or ‘until tribute comes to him’ (NRSV, ESV). Revelation 5:5 declares that the Lion of the tribe of Judah has triumphed, announcing that Jesus, the sacrificial Lamb is also the conquering Lion.

The name Joshua/Jesus means God saves, or God is salvation. That is why the angel announcing his birth said, “... you are to name him Joshua/Jesus (Yeshua), for he will save his people from their sins” (Matthew 1:21). It is the same name as Moses’ general, Joshua, who led the Israelites into their promised land.

The Greek word Ἰησοῦς (*Iesous*, Yeshua) is translated mostly as *Jesus*, but also as *Joshua*. English translations of the New Testament traditionally use ‘Jesus’ when the reference is to Yeshua of Nazareth and commonly ‘Joshua’ for anyone else. Yeshua is translated ‘Joshua’ in these verses in most versions:

Luke 3:29 – the son of Joshua (Jose in KJV)

Acts 7:45 – Our ancestors in turn brought it in with Joshua when they dispossessed the nations that God drove out before our ancestors.

Hebrews 4:8 – For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not speak later about another day.

So in English the name Jesus became unique and sacred for Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God, the Saviour of the world.

This book about the resurrection of Jesus explores how Jesus fulfilled prophecies in Scripture, especially those about the ‘Messiah’ (from Hebrew) or the ‘Christ’ (from Greek), God’s Anointed Servant and Son. Through his death and resurrection he established his everlasting kingdom.

Jesus, the Messiah, the Christ, lived and died and rose again and reigns in glory. He is with all and in all who trust in him. You can respond to him as you read about him in this book. It has been prepared as a devotional guide for you.

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The Old Testament proclaimed God's Kingdom

*Many passages in the Old Testament find their fulfilment in Jesus. See my book **The Lion of Judah (2) The Reign of Jesus** for more examples. Here are a few passages that apply specifically to his Messianic reign in God's kingdom, with some key phrases highlighted in bold type, as throughout this book.*

God's promise to David

¹⁶**Your house and your kingdom** shall endure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever" (2 Samuel 7:16).

*God's promise to David in the parallel passage from Chronicles (post-exilic) says, "I will confirm him **in my house and in my kingdom** for ever, and his throne shall be established for ever" (1 Chronicles 17:14). *God's house and eternal kingdom become increasingly the focus in the Scriptures.**

David's prayer

²⁷ 'LORD Almighty, God of Israel, you have revealed this to your servant, saying, "I will build a house for you." So your servant has found courage to pray this prayer to you. ²⁸ Sovereign LORD, you are God! Your covenant is trustworthy, and you have promised these good things to your servant. ²⁹ Now be pleased to bless the house of your servant, that it may continue for ever in your sight; for you, Sovereign LORD, have spoken, and with your blessing the house of your servant will be blessed for ever.' (2 Samuel 7:16, 27-29 NIV; see Mark 9:1; John 18:36; Colossians 1:13; Hebrews 12:28-29).

The LORD said to my Lord,

"Sit at My right hand, [Mt 22:44; Mark 12:36; Luke 20:42;
Till I make Your enemies Your footstool." Acts 2:34-35; Hebrews 10:13]

² The LORD shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion.

Rule in the midst of Your enemies!

³ Your people *shall be* volunteers

In the day of Your power;

In the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning,

You have the dew of Your youth.

⁴ The LORD has sworn

And will not relent,

"You are a priest forever

According to the order of Melchizedek." [Hebrews 5:6; 6:19-7:28]

⁵ The Lord *is* at Your right hand;

He shall execute kings in the day of His wrath.

⁶ He shall judge among the nations,

He shall fill *the places* with dead bodies,

He shall execute the heads of many countries.
7 He shall drink of the brook by the wayside;
Therefore He shall lift up the head.
(Psalm 110:1-7 NKJV, *quoted 7 times in the New Testament*)

Note Jesus' comment on the beginning of this Psalm:

The Question about David's Son

⁴¹ Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴² 'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.' ⁴³ He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,
⁴⁴ "The Lord said to my Lord,
'Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet'"?
⁴⁵ If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?' ⁴⁶ No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions. (Matthew 22:41-45 NIV)

Why do the nations conspire,
and the peoples plot in vain?
² The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against **the LORD and his anointed**, saying,
³ 'Let us burst their bonds asunder,
and cast their cords from us.'
(Psalm 2:1-3; quoted in Acts 4:25-26)

The Righteous Reign of the Coming King

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined. ...
⁶ For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
⁷ His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onwards and for evermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.
(Isaiah 9:2, 6-7)

The Peaceful Kingdom

**11 A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.**

²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;

⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

⁷The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

⁹They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples;
the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.
(Isaiah 11:1-10; see Romans 15:12)

This Messianic Prophecy describes a descendant of Jesse, David's father, of the tribe of Judah. Jesus was often called the son of David, a Messianic term, as in 'the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham' (Matthew 1:1) and 'Hosanna to the Son of David' (Matthew 21:9).

Daniel's dream of four beasts

In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream, and visions passed through his mind as he was lying in bed. He wrote down the substance of his dream.

² Daniel said: 'In my vision at night I looked, and there before me were the four winds of heaven churning up the great sea. ³ Four great beasts, each different from the others, came up out of the sea. ...

⁹ 'As I looked,

'thrones were set in place,

and the Ancient of Days took his seat.

His clothing was as white as snow;

the hair of his head was white like wool.

His throne was flaming with fire,

and its wheels were all ablaze.

¹⁰ A river of fire was flowing,

coming out from before him.

Thousands upon thousands attended him;

ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.

The court was seated,

and the books were opened. ...

¹³ 'In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a **son of man** coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. ¹⁴ **He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshipped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.**

The interpretation of the dream

¹⁵ 'I, Daniel, was troubled in spirit, and the visions that passed through my mind disturbed me. ¹⁶ I approached one of those standing there and asked him the meaning of all this.

'So he told me and gave me the interpretation of these things: ¹⁷ "The four great beasts are four kings that will rise from the earth. ¹⁸ But the holy people of the Most High will receive the kingdom and will possess it for ever – yes, for ever and ever." ...

²⁶ "But the court will sit, ... ²⁷ Then the sovereignty, power and greatness of all the kingdoms under heaven will be handed over to the holy people of the Most High. **His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all rulers will worship and obey him.**" (Daniel 7:1-3, 9-18, 26-27; see Daniel 4:3; Matthew 24:30; 26:64; Mark 14:62; 2 Peter 1:11)

NIV Note on Daniel 7:13. The Aramaic phrase *bar enash* means *human being*. The phrase *son of man* is retained here because of its use in the New Testament as a title of Jesus, probably based largely on this verse.

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Jesus proclaimed his Resurrection and Reign

Jesus' name, Yeshua/Joshua, means God saves or God is salvation. God's salvation through Jesus brings his kingdom in all its glory. Jesus said, 'For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many' (Mark 10:45) and declared, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die' (John 11:25-26).

Jesus' Galilean ministry culminated in taking the disciples away from the crowds into the hills north of Lake Galilee. At Caesarea Philippi, near Mt Hermon, Peter declared that Jesus was indeed the Messiah, the Son of God, and Jesus foretold his death and resurrection (Matthew 16:13-28; Mark 8:27-38; Luke 9:18-27).

Peter, James and John witnessed the Transfiguration where Moses and Elijah talked with Jesus about his approaching departure.

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure [Greek, *exodus*], which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. (Luke 9:28-31)

God spoke from the cloud: This is my Son, my Beloved/Chosen, whom I love; listen to him (see Matthew 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-8; Luke 9:28-36; 2 Peter 1:16-18).

The Transfiguration, a pivotal event told around the middle of the Synoptic Gospels, marks the beginning of Jesus' final journey – to Jerusalem, to his death, resurrection and ascension. The fulfilment of the Exodus with Moses is found in Jesus' Exodus in his death, resurrection and ascension.

Jesus told his disciples three times about his approaching death and resurrection, but they did not comprehend. They were afraid to ask him about it:

First, at Caesarea Philippi (Matthew 16:21-28; Mark 8:31-38; Luke 9:21-27).

Second, in Galilee (Matthew 17:22-23; Mark 9:30-32; Luke 9:43-45).

Third, near Jerusalem (Matthew 20:17-19; Mark 10:32-34; Luke 18:31-34).

Here is Jesus' disciple Matthew's report of those three declarations by Jesus:

Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

²¹ From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and **on the third day be raised.**

(Matthew 16:21)

Jesus Again Foretells His Death and Resurrection

As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, 'The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into human hands, ²³ and they will kill him, and **on the third day he will be raised.**' And they were greatly distressed. (Matthew 17:22-23)

A Third Time Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

While Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside by themselves, and said to them on the way, ¹⁸ 'See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death; ¹⁹ then they will hand him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified; and **on the third day he will be raised.**'

(Matthew 20:17-19)

Jesus spoke at other times about his life beyond his death and resurrection.

The Coming of the Son of Man

But in those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light,

²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven,

and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶ Then they will see "**the Son of Man coming in clouds**" with great power and glory. ²⁷ Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

(Mark 13:24-27; the phrase in quotation marks refers to Daniel 7:13)

Jesus the Way to the Father

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ² In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that **I go to prepare a place for you?** ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, **I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.** ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going.' ⁵ Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' ⁶ Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

(John 14:1-7)

Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because **I am going to the Father.** ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. ...

You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe. ³⁰I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me; ³¹but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us be on our way. (John 14:11-14, 28-31)

Jesus said this at the Last Supper to prepare the disciples for the shock of his crucifixion the next morning. They left the upper room and walked to Gethsemane of the slopes of the Mount of Olives just east of the city. He continued to prepare them for his arrest that night after he had prayed in agony.

Peter's Denial Foretold

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. ²⁷And Jesus said to them, 'You will all become deserters; for it is written, "I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered."

²⁸**But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.'** ²⁹Peter said to him, 'Even though all become deserters, I will not.'³⁰ Jesus said to him, 'Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.'³¹ But he said vehemently, 'Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.' And all of them said the same. (Mark 14:26-31)

Jesus continued to prepare his disciples for his death and resurrection.

'When the Advocate comes, whom **I will send to you from the Father**, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. (John 15:26-27)

'I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now **I am going to him who sent me**; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?"' ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ... ¹⁶**'A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me.** ... ²²So you have pain now; but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. ... ³³I have said this to you, so that in me you may have peace. In the world you face persecution. But take courage; I have conquered the world!' (John 16:4-6, 16, 22, 33)

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ So now, Father, **glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.** (John 17:1-5)

Jesus before the Council

Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, 'Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?' ⁶¹ But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, 'Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?' ⁶² Jesus said, 'I am; and

"you will see the Son of Man

seated at the right hand of the Power", [Psalm 110:1]

and "coming with the clouds of heaven."" [Daniel 7:13]

⁶³ Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, 'Why do we still need witnesses? ⁶⁴ You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?' All of them condemned him as deserving death. ⁶⁵ Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, 'Prophecy!' The guards also took him over and beat him. (Mark 14:60-65)

Jesus before Pilate

Jesus said, '**My kingdom is not of this world.** If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now **my kingdom is from another place.**' (John 18:36)

The inscription on the cross:

Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.

(John 19:19; see Matthew 27:37; Mark 15:26; Luke 23:38)

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to **rise from the dead on the third day,** ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

(Luke 24:44-47)

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The Resurrection is God's Vindication of Jesus' Reign

The resurrection is God's vindication of Jesus and his reign in the kingdom of God. God raised him from death and gave him the name that is above every other name, as Paul wrote in his song in Philippians:

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore **God also highly exalted him**
and gave him the name
that is above every name,

¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue should confess
that **Jesus Christ is Lord,**
to the glory of God the Father.

(Philippians 2:5-11)

Peter proclaimed this vindication of Jesus by God on the Day of Pentecost:

'Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹ Foreseeing this, **David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah**, saying,

"He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption."

³² This Jesus **God raised up**, and of that all of us are witnesses. ³³ Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having **received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit**, he has poured out this that you both see and hear. ³⁴ For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

“The Lord said to my Lord,
‘Sit at my right hand,
³⁵ until I make your enemies your footstool.”

³⁶ Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that **God has made him both Lord and Messiah**, this Jesus whom you crucified.’
(Acts 2:29-36)

Peter continued to declare this vindication in his preaching:

The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has **glorified his servant Jesus**, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴ But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵ and you killed the Author of life, whom **God raised from the dead**.
(Acts 3:13-15)

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, ‘Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹ if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰ let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom **God raised from the dead**. ¹¹ This Jesus is

“the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.”

¹² There is **salvation in no one else**, for **there is no other name under heaven** given among mortals by which we must be saved.’ (Acts 4:8-12)

Paul preaching in Athens emphasized God’s vindication of Jesus:

“Therefore since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone – an image made by human design and skill.

³⁰ In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. ³¹ For he has set a day when **he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.**’ (Acts 17:30-31 NIV)

Paul gives similar declarations in his epistles:

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God – ² the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures ³ regarding his Son, who as to his earthly life was a descendant of David, ⁴ and who through the Spirit of holiness was **appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead**: Jesus Christ our Lord. (Romans 1:1-4 NIV)

[Concerning Abraham] Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, ²¹being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. ²²This is why 'it was credited to him as righteousness.' ²³The words 'it was credited to him' were written not for him alone, ²⁴but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness – for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. ²⁵**He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.** (Romans 4:20-25 NIV)

God, in raising Jesus from death, gave him power and authority to reign supreme as king in the kingdom of God. Jesus constantly taught about God's kingdom and demonstrated it in what he did, not only through healing and miracles but especially in demonstrating God's love. The greatest demonstration of that love was in his own death, vindicated by God in raising him from death.

God Is Love

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for **God is love.** ⁹**God's love was revealed among us in this way:** God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. (1 John 4:7-10)

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. (John 3:16)

God's mighty power which raised Jesus to life is also in believers.

In the same way, count yourselves **dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.** ¹²Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. ¹³Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. ¹⁴For **sin shall no longer be your master,** because you are not under the law, but under grace. (Romans 6:11-14 NIV)

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹and his **incomparably great power for us who believe.** That power is the same as **the mighty strength** ²⁰**he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead** and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²²And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way. (Ephesians 1:18-23 NIV)

Jesus reigns

Jesus the Christ, the Messiah, reigns in glory, raised from death by God the Father. God raised him and gave him all authority in heaven and on earth. God's verdict on Jesus' life and death is demonstrated in his resurrection and ascension and the absolute power and authority God gives to Jesus our Lord. Jesus reigns as king in God's kingdom. He said so:

Jesus answered, '**My kingdom is not from this world.** If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' (John 18:36)

Jesus came and said to them, '**All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.**'¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, **I am with you always, to the end of the age.**' (Matthew 28:18-20)

Paul comments on the purity of "the kingdom of Christ and of God" (Ephesians 5:5) and refers to both God and Christ Jesus in advising Timothy:

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and **his kingdom**, I solemnly urge you:² proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. (2 Timothy 4:1-2)

Similarly, Peter refers to Jesus Christ's reign with and for God:

May grace and peace be yours in abundance in the knowledge of **God and of Jesus our Lord.** ...

¹⁰ Therefore, brothers and sisters, be all the more eager to confirm your call and election, for if you do this, you will never stumble. ¹¹ For in this way, entry into **the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ** will be richly provided for you. (2 Peter 1, 10-11)

This oneness in their joint reign is also announced in Revelation:

'The kingdom of the world has become **the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah,** and he will reign for ever and ever.'

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The New Testament Proclaims Jesus' Reign

*The Gospels tell how Jesus fulfilled prophecies in the Old Testament Scriptures. See **The Lion of Judah (2) The Reign of Jesus** for many more examples. Prophecies about his eternal reign are often linked with his death*

The Birth of Jesus Foretold

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' ²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. ³¹ And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² **He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.'** (Luke 1:26-32)

Mary's Song of Praise

And Mary said,

'My soul magnifies the Lord,

⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

⁴⁸ for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me,

and holy is his name.

⁵⁰ His mercy is for those who fear him

from generation to generation.

⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

⁵² He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,

and lifted up the lowly;

⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things,

and sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴ **He has helped his servant Israel,**

in remembrance of his mercy,

⁵⁵ **according to the promise he made to our ancestors,**

to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

(Luke 1:46-55)

Jesus presented in the temple

Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,
'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;

³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation, [Isaiah 52:10]

³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles [Isaiah 42:6]

and for glory to your people Israel.' (Luke 2:29-32)

Jesus Begins His Ministry in Galilee

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵ 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,

on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

¹⁶ **the people who sat in darkness**

have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death

light has dawned.'

(Matthew 4:13-16; see Isaiah 9:1-2)

God's Chosen Servant

Many crowds followed him, and he cured all of them, ¹⁶ and he ordered them not to make him known. ¹⁷ This was to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah:

'Here is my servant, whom I have chosen,

my beloved, with whom my soul is well pleased.

I will put my Spirit upon him,

and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles.

He will not wrangle or cry aloud,

nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets.

He will not break a bruised reed

or quench a smouldering wick

until he brings justice to victory.

And in his name the Gentiles will hope.'

(Matthew 12:15-21; see Isaiah 42:1-4)

Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,
'Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

(Mark 11:10-11; see Matthew 21:9; Luke 19:38; Psalm 118:25-26)

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may **have eternal life**. ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may **have eternal life**.

(John 3:14-16; see Numbers 21:9)

They did not understand the scripture, that **he must rise from the dead**.

(John 20:9; see Psalm 16:10)

The Commissioning of the Disciples

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, **'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.** ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, **I am with you always, to the end of the age.'**

(Matthew 28:18-20)

Peter, preaching on the Day of Pentecost and speaking to the religious leaders showed how Jesus fulfilled Scripture.

For David says concerning him,

"I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;

moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷ **For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.**

²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life;

you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

(Acts 2:25-28; see Psalm 16:8-11)

Peter Speaks in Solomon's Portico

The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴ But you rejected **the Holy and Righteous One** and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵ and you killed **the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead**. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶ And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷ 'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸ In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹ Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, ²⁰ so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah appointed for you, that is, Jesus, ²¹ who must remain in heaven until the time of universal restoration that God announced long ago through his holy prophets. ²² Moses said, "The Lord your God will raise up for you from your own people a prophet like me. You must listen to whatever he tells you. ²³ And it will be that everyone who does not listen to that prophet will be utterly rooted out from the people." ²⁴ And all the prophets, as many as have spoken, from Samuel and those after him, also predicted these days. ²⁵ You are the descendants of the prophets and of the covenant that God gave to your ancestors, saying to Abraham, "And in your descendants all the families of the earth shall be blessed." ²⁶ When **God raised up his servant**, he sent him first to you, to bless you by turning each of you from your wicked ways'

(Acts 3:18-26; see Deuteronomy 18:15, 18, 19; Genesis 22:18; 26:4; 28:14).

Paul and others showed from Scripture that Jesus was raised from death.

And we bring you the good news that what God promised to our ancestors ³³ he has fulfilled for us, their children, **by raising Jesus**; as also it is written in the second psalm,

"You are my Son;

today I have begotten you." [Palm 2:7]

³⁴ As to his **raising him from the dead, no more to return to corruption**, he has spoken in this way,

"I will give you the holy promises made to David." [Psalm 89:28; Isaiah 55:3]

³⁵ Therefore he has also said in another psalm,

"You will not let your Holy One experience corruption." [Psalm 16:10]

³⁶ For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, died, was laid beside his ancestors, and experienced corruption; ³⁷ but **he whom God raised up experienced no corruption**. (Acts 13:32-37)

As was his custom, Paul went into the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, ³ explaining and proving that the **Messiah had to suffer and rise from the dead**.

'This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Messiah,' he said. ...

In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. ³¹ For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by **the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.**' (Acts 17:2-3, 30-31 NIV)

To this day I have had help from God, and so I stand here, testifying to both small and great, saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses said would take place: ²³ that **the Messiah must suffer, and that, by being the first to rise from the dead, he would proclaim light both to our people and to the Gentiles.**' (Acts 26:22-23)

"As surely as I live," says the Lord,

**"Every knee will bow before me;
every tongue will acknowledge God."**

(Romans 14:10-11 NIV; see Philippians 2:9-11; Isaiah 45:23)

And again, Isaiah says:

"There shall be a root of Jesse;

And He who shall rise to **reign over the Gentiles,**

In Him the Gentiles shall hope." (Romans 15:12 NKJV; see Isaiah 11:1-10)

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that **he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures** (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

Imitating Christ's Humility

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God

as something to be exploited,

⁷ but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸ he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—

even death on a cross.

⁹ **Therefore God also highly exalted him**

and gave him the name

that is above every name,

¹⁰ **so that at the name of Jesus**

every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ **and every tongue should confess**

that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

(Philippians 2:5-11)

The Supremacy of Christ

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, **the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.** ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. (Colossians 1:15-20)

Spiritual fullness in Christ

When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, **God made you alive with Christ.** He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴having cancelled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵**And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.** (Colossians 2:13-15)

God Has Spoken by His Son

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. **When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,** ⁴**having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.** (Hebrews 1:1-4)

Dying and Rising with Christ

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as **Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,** so we too might walk in newness of life. (Romans 6:3-4)

The Revelation

Revelation, the last book in the Bible, proclaims the significance of Jesus' death and resurrection. The Lamb of God is the Lion of Judah. The Book of Revelation declares his eternal Kingdom.

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from **Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.** To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

(Revelation 1:4-6; see Isaiah 55:4; Psalm 89:27)

Behold, **He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him**, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen. (Revelation 1:7 NKJV; see Zechariah 12:10)

See, the **Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered**, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.

(Revelation 5:5; see Genesis 49:10; Psalm 110:1)

They sing a new song:

'You are worthy to take the scroll
and to open its seals,

for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God
saints from¹ every tribe and language and people and nation;

¹⁰ you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God,
and they will reign on earth.'

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² singing with full voice,

**'Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honour and glory and blessing!'**

¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

**'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honour and glory and might
for ever and ever!'**

(Revelation 5:9-14; see Exodus 19:6; Psalm 2:7-8; Isaiah 53:5-6; 61:6)

The Multitude from Every Nation

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' ¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders

and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, ¹² singing,

'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honour

and power and might

be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' ¹⁴ I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷ **for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'** (Revelation 7:9-17)

**'The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord
and of his Messiah,
and he will reign for ever and ever.'**
(Revelation 11:15; see Exodus 15:18)

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming,

'Now have come the salvation and the power
and the kingdom of our God

and the authority of his Messiah,

for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down,
who accuses them day and night before our God.

¹¹ But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb
and by the word of their testimony,

for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.

(Revelation 12:10-11)

And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God,
and **the song of the Lamb**:

'Great and amazing are your deeds,

Lord God the Almighty!

Just and true are your ways,

King of the nations!

⁴ Lord, who will not fear

and glorify your name?

For you alone are holy.

All nations will come

and worship before you,

for your judgements have been revealed.'

(Revelation 15:3-4; see Exodus 15:1-18)

These are united in yielding their power and authority to the beast; ¹⁴ they will make war on the Lamb, and **the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings**, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful.' (Revelation 17:13-14)

On his robe and on his thigh he has a name inscribed,

'King of kings and Lord of lords'.

(Revelation 19:16; see Daniel 2:47)

Vision of the New Jerusalem

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and **the Lamb**. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and **its lamp is the Lamb**. ²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵ Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶ People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. ²⁷ But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in **the Lamb's book of life**. (Revelation 21:22-27)

The River of Life

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of **the Lamb** ² through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of **the Lamb** will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴ they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever. (Revelation 22:1-5)

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Narrative Summary

Holy Week

Holy Week: the last week of the earthly life of Jesus may be summarized this way as a general guide. The different Gospels record different events, each one telling the Gospel, the good news, in their own way. So this arrangement is just an estimate of the sequence of the momentous developments in Holy Week.

This summary follows the outline in Mark's Gospel:

Palm Sunday - Day of Demonstration
Mark 11:1-11 (Zech 9:9) - Jesus enters Jerusalem

Monday - Day of Authority
Mark 11:12-19 - fig tree, temple cleansed

Tuesday - Day of Conflict
Mark 11:20 - 13:36 - debates with leaders

Wednesday - Day of Preparation
Mark 14:1-11 - anointed at Bethany

Thursday - Day of Farewell
Mark 14:12-42 - last supper

Good Friday - Day of Crucifixion
Mark 14:43 - 15:47 - trials and death

Saturday - Day of Sabbath
Mark 15:46-47 - tomb sealed

Easter Sunday - Day of Resurrection
Mark 16:1-18 - resurrection appearances

This is a brief estimate of events in Holy Week. The book ***The Lion of Judah (4) The Death of Jesus*** gives more details. The Lamb of God, slain from the foundation of the world (Revelation 13:8) is the Lion of Judah, the King of kings and Lord of lords (Revelation 19:6).

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The Resurrection and Ascension

This summary is also an estimate of the order of the resurrection appearances of Jesus, followed by a chart which also estimates the order of events in those 40 days.

Resurrection Appearances

Resurrection Sunday

Mary Magdalene - Mark 16:9, John 20:11-18

The Women - Matthew 28:9-10

Cleopas and friend, Emmaus Road – Mark 16:12-13, Luke 24:13-34

Simon Peter - Luke 24:34, 1 Corinthians 15:5

The Disciples - Mark 16:14, Luke 24:36-49, John 20:19-23,
1 Corinthians 15:5

40 Days - Acts 1:3

Disciples with Thomas, one week later - John 20:24-29

500 at once - 1 Corinthians 15:6

James - 1 Corinthians 15:7

Galilee Shore - John 21:1-25

Galilee Mountain - Matthew 28:16-20

Ascension, Mount of Olives - Acts 1:6-9

Resurrection

The Resurrection and the Great Forty Days		
Description	Location	Scripture
Women carry spices to the tomb	The Garden	Mt 28:1 Mk 16:1,2 Lk 24:1
The angel had rolled away the stone	The Garden	Mt 28:2
Women announce the resurrection	Jerusalem	Mt 28:8 Lk 24:9,10 Jn 20:1,2
Peter and John run to the tomb	The Garden	Lk 24:12 Jn 20:3
The women return to the tomb	The Garden	Lk 24:1
The guards report these things to the chief priests	Jerusalem	Mt 28:11-15
APPEARANCES OF CHRIST AFTER HIS RESURRECTION		
1) To Mary Magdalene: 'All hail! Fear not. Touch me not'	The Garden	Mt 16:9,10 Jn 20:14
2) To the women returning home: 'Go tell my brothers that they go into Galilee - there shall they see me'	The Garden	Mt 28:9, 10
3) To two disciples going to Emmaus (exposition of prophecies on the passion)	Emmaus Road	Mk 16:12 Lk 24:13
4) To Peter	Jerusalem	1Cor 15:5 Lk 24:34

The Resurrection of Jesus

5) To ten Apostles:	Jerusalem	Lk 24:33 Jn 20:19
'Peace be unto you As my Father hath sent me, so send I you. 'Receive ye the Holy Spirit. Whoever's sins you remit,' etc	Jerusalem	Jn 20:2-23
6) To the eleven Apostles	Jerusalem	Mk 16:14 Jn 20:26
'Peace be unto you'	.	Jn 20:26
To Thomas: 'Reach out your finger,' etc 'Blessed are they that have not seen, yet have believed'	Jerusalem	Jn 20:27, 29
7) To 500 at once	Unknown	1 Cor 15:6
8) To James	Unknown	1 Cor 15:
9) To the disciples at the sea of Tiberias, including a miracle draught of fishes	Galilee	Jn 21:1-24
To Peter; 'Feed my sheep, feed my lambs'	Galilee	Jn 21:15-17
10) To the 11 disciples on a mountain: 'All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, ... Lo, I am with you always even to the end of the age.'	Galilee	Mt 28:16-20
THE ASCENSION	Mt of Olives Bethany	Mk 16:19 Lk 24:50-51 Acts 1:9-11

Due to different emphases in each gospel, the chronological order is not always clear. The tables are one possibility. This chronology is adapted and used with permission from Believe: <http://mb-soft.com/believe/txh/gospgosp.htm>

*The following narrative passages are selected and reproduced in an estimated order using the **New International Version (NIV)**.*

Resurrection Sunday

- 1) Mary Magdalene - Mark 16:9, John 20:11-18
- 2) The Women - Matthew 28:9-10
- 3) Cleopas and friend, Emmaus Road – Mark 16:12-13, Luke 24:13-34
- 4) Simon Peter - Luke 24:34, 1 Corinthians 15:5
- 5) The Disciples - Mark 16:14, Luke 24:36-49, John 20:19-23,
1 Corinthians 15:5

1) Mary Magdalene

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. ²Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb ³and they asked each other, 'Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?'

⁴But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

⁶'Don't be alarmed,' he said. 'You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter, "He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you."'

⁸Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

[The earliest manuscripts and some other ancient witnesses do not have verses 9–20.]

⁹When Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons. ¹⁰She went and told those who had been with him and who were mourning and weeping. ¹¹When they heard that Jesus was alive and that she had seen him, they did not believe it.

(Mark 16:9-11)

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ²So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!'

³So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷as well as the cloth that had been wrapped round Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. ⁸Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and

believed. ⁹ (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

¹¹ Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹² and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

¹³ They asked her, 'Woman, why are you crying?'

'They have taken my Lord away,' she said, 'and I don't know where they have put him.' ¹⁴ At this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realise that it was Jesus.

¹⁵ He asked her, 'Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?'

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.'

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, 'Mary.'

She turned towards him and cried out in Aramaic, 'Rabboni!' (which means 'Teacher').

¹⁷ Jesus said, 'Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."'

¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: 'I have seen the Lord!' And she told them that he had said these things to her.

(John 20:1-18)

2) The Women

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

(Matthew 28:1-10)

3) Cleopas and Friend, Emmaus Road

Afterwards Jesus appeared in a different form to two of them while they were walking in the country. ¹³ These returned and reported it to the rest; but they did not believe them either. (Mark 16:12-13)

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶ but they were kept from recognising him.

¹⁷ He asked them, 'What are you discussing together as you walk along?'

They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸ One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, 'Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?'

¹⁹ 'What things?' he asked.

'About Jesus of Nazareth,' they replied. 'He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰ The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹ but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. ²² In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³ but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴ Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.'

²⁵ He said to them, 'How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?' ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

²⁸ As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going further. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, 'Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognised him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³² They asked each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?'

³³ They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴ and saying, 'It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' ³⁵ Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognised by them when he broke the bread. (Luke 24:13-35)

4) Simon Peter

There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴and saying, 'It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.'
(Luke 24:33-34)

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. (1 Corinthians 15:3-5)

5) The Disciples behind locked doors

Later Jesus appeared to the Eleven as they were eating; he rebuked them for their lack of faith and their stubborn refusal to believe those who had seen him after he had risen. (Mark 16:14)

While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'

³⁷ They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, 'Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.'

⁴⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹ And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, 'Do you have anything here to eat?' ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate it in their presence.

⁴⁴ He said to them, 'This is what I told you while I was still with you: everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.'

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, 'This is what is written: the Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.' (Luke 24:36-49)

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.' ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.' (John 20:19-23)

40 Days - Acts 1:3

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He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. (Acts 1:3)

6) The Disciples with Thomas, one week later

Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord!'

But he said to them, 'Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.'

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.'

²⁸ Thomas said to him, 'My Lord and my God!'

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, 'Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'

(John 20:24-29)

7) 500 at once

After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. (1 Corinthians 15:6)

8) James

Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸ and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

(1 Corinthians 15:7-8)

9) Galilee Shore

Afterwards Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: ²Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. ³'I'm going out to fish,' Simon Peter told them, and they said, 'We'll go with you.' So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus.

⁵He called out to them, 'Friends, haven't you any fish?'

'No,' they answered.

⁶He said, 'Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.' When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

⁷Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, 'It is the Lord,' he wrapped his outer garment round him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. ⁸The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred metres. ⁹When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

¹⁰Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' ¹¹So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples dared ask him, 'Who are you?' They knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?'

'Yes, Lord,' he said, 'you know that I love you.'

Jesus said, 'Feed my lambs.'

¹⁶Again Jesus said, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?'

He answered, 'Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.'

Jesus said, 'Take care of my sheep.'

¹⁷The third time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?'

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' He said, 'Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.'

Jesus said, 'Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.' ¹⁹Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, 'Follow me!'

²⁰Peter turned and saw that the disciple whom Jesus loved was following them. (This was the one who had leaned back against Jesus at the supper and had said, 'Lord, who is going to betray you?') ²¹When Peter saw him, he asked, 'Lord, what about him?'

²² Jesus answered, 'If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me.' ²³ Because of this, the rumour spread among the believers that this disciple would not die. But Jesus did not say that he would not die; he only said, 'If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you?'

²⁴ This is the disciple who testifies to these things and who wrote them down. We know that his testimony is true.

²⁵ Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.

(John 21:1-25)

10) Galilee Mountain

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¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'

(Matthew 28:16-20)

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When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. (Luke 24:50-51)

Then they gathered round him and asked him, 'Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?'

⁷ He said to them: 'It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'

⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ 'Men of Galilee,' they said, 'why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.' (Acts 1:6-11)

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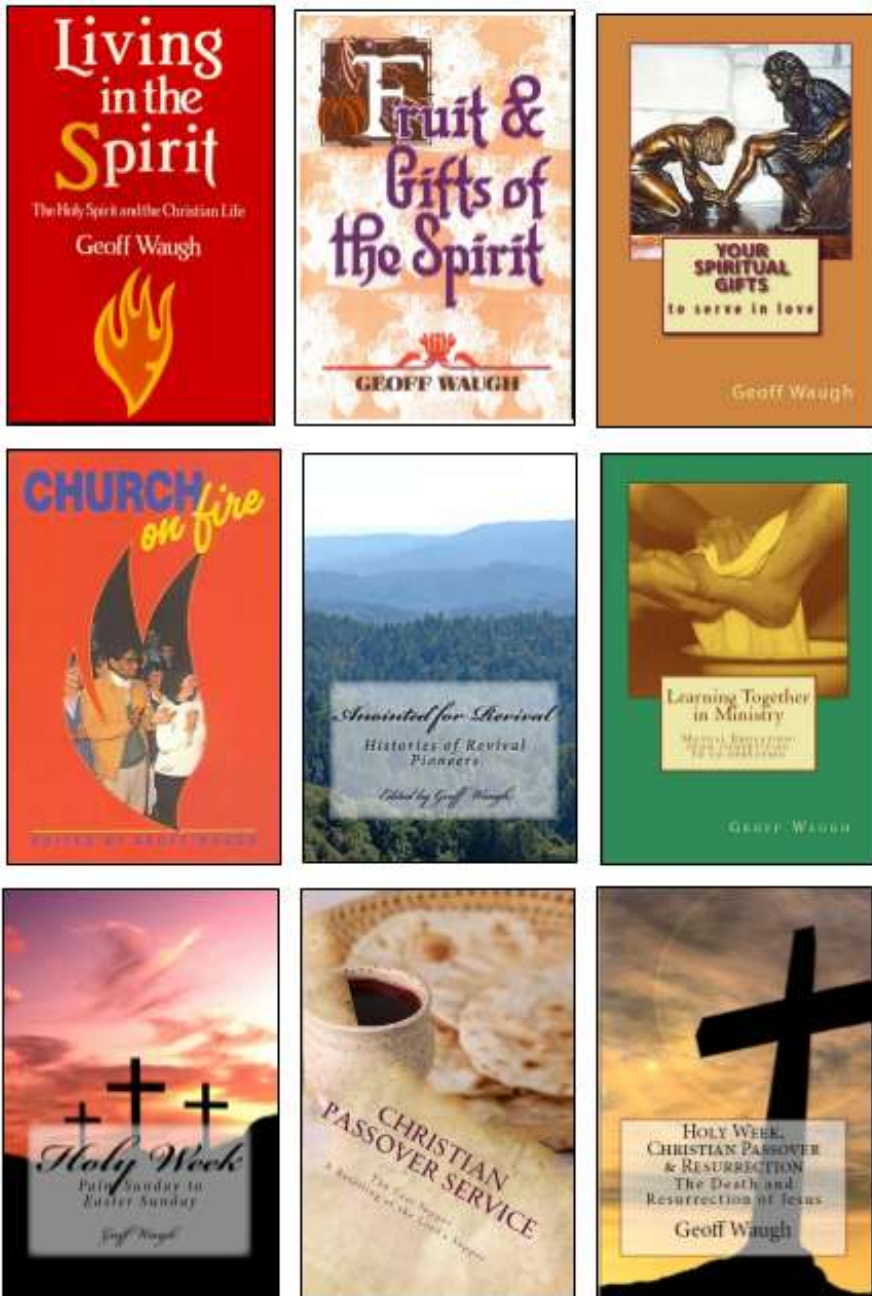
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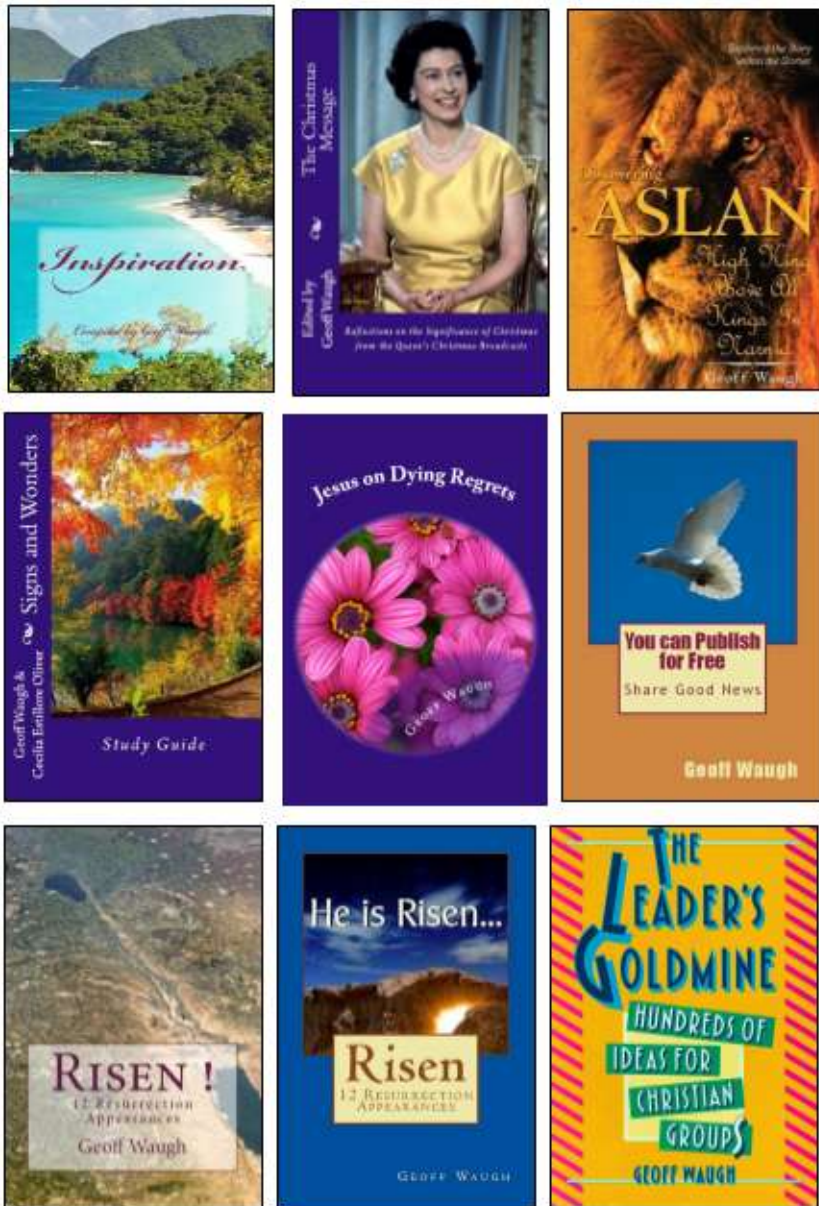


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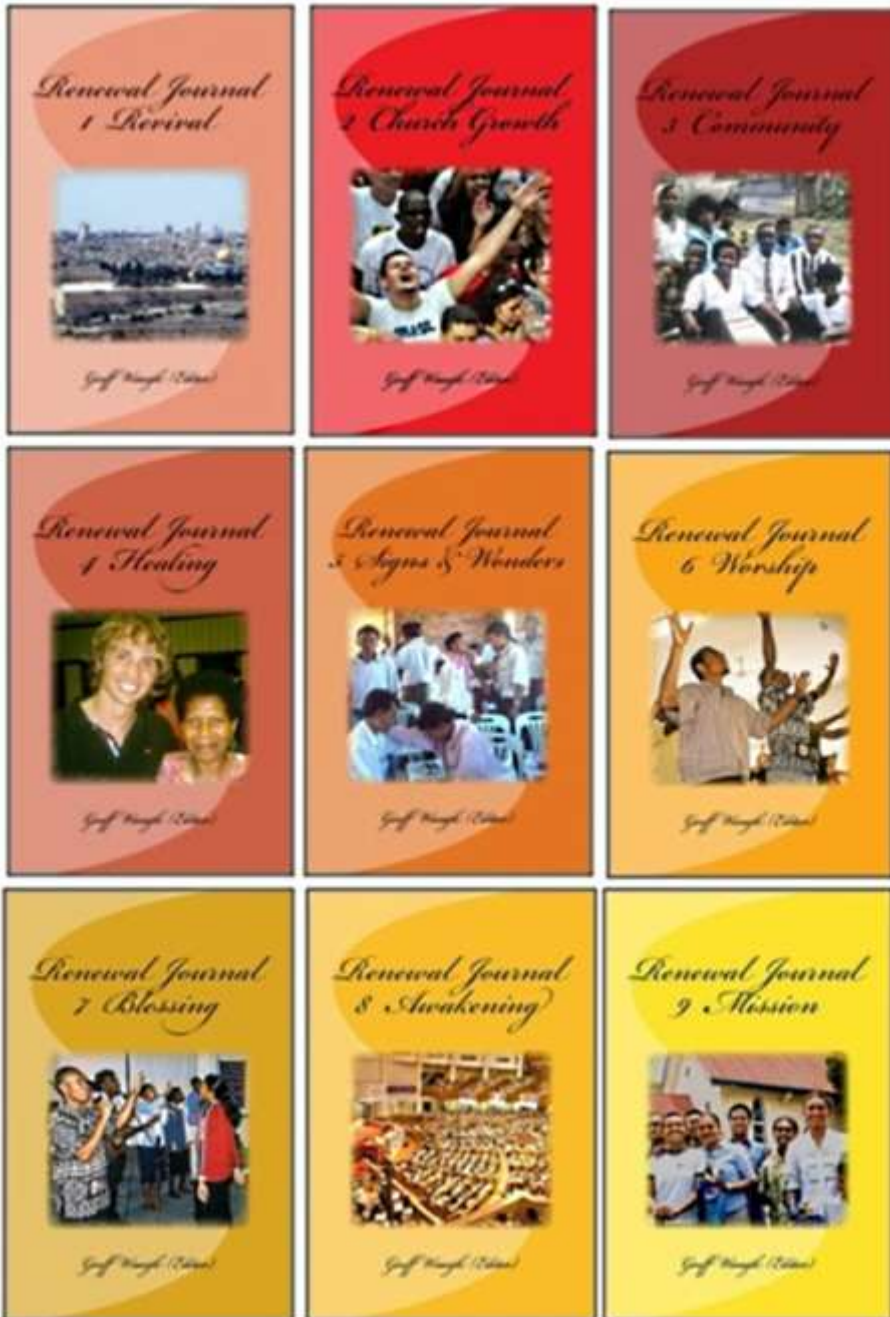
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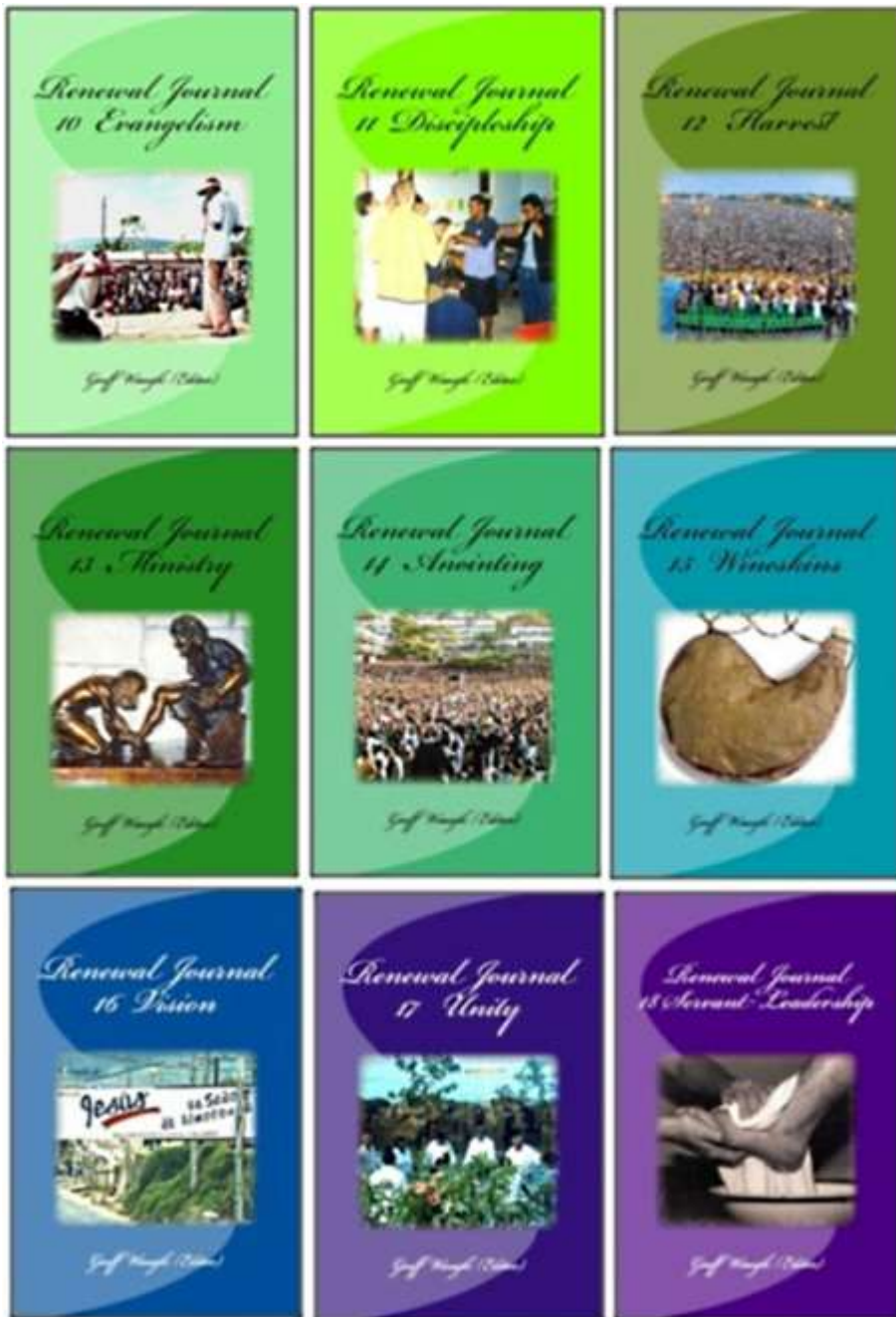
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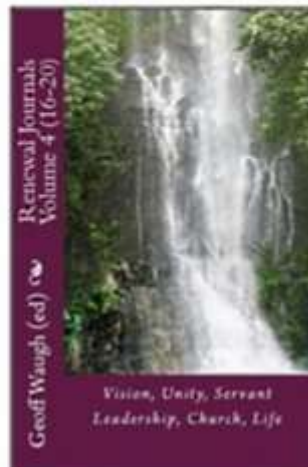
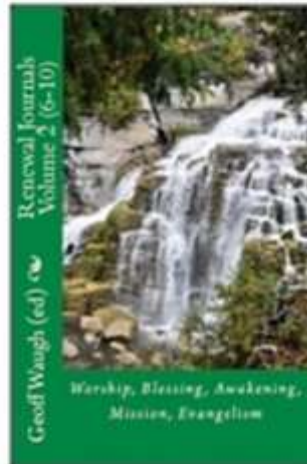
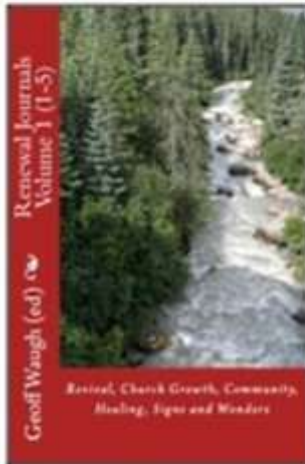
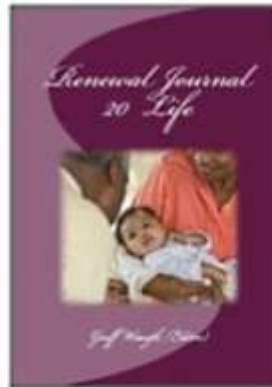
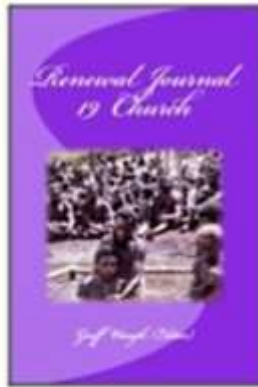


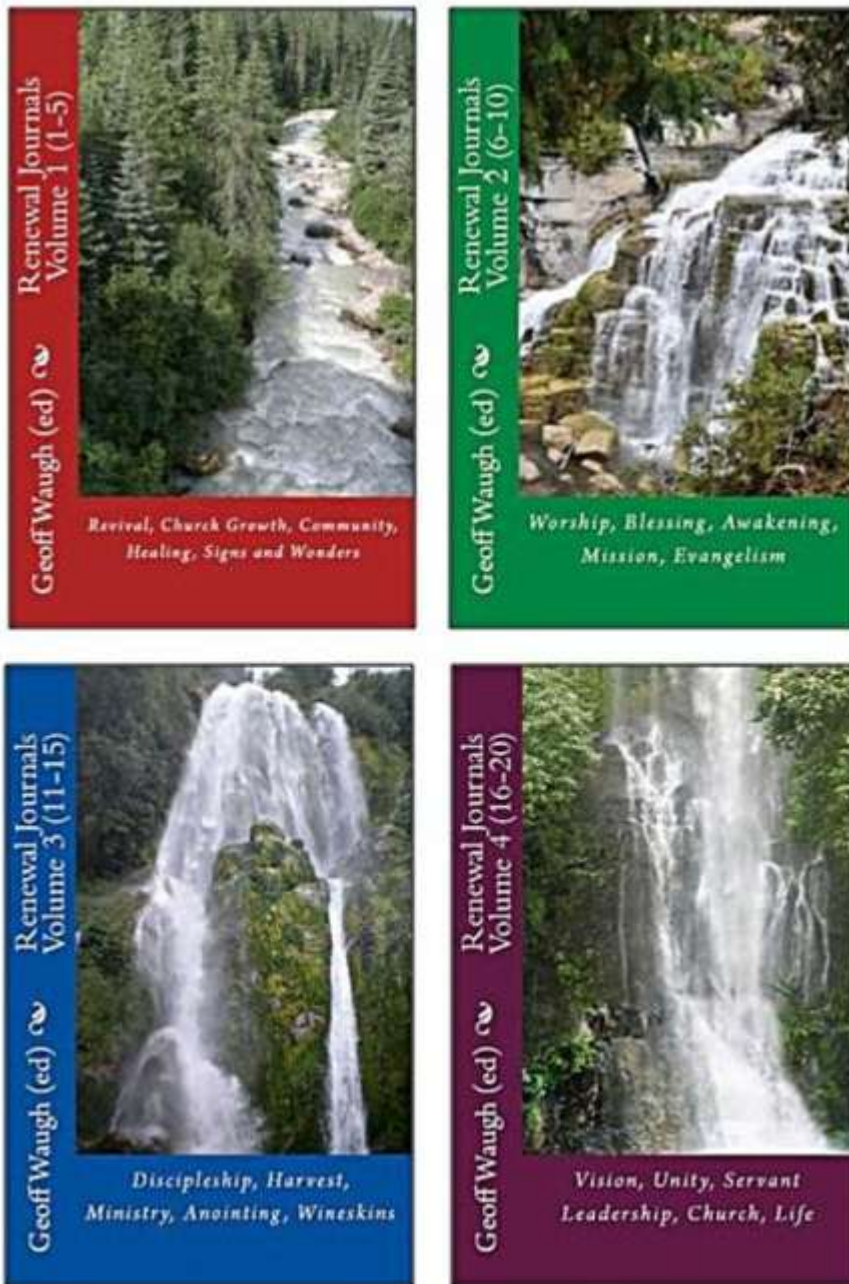
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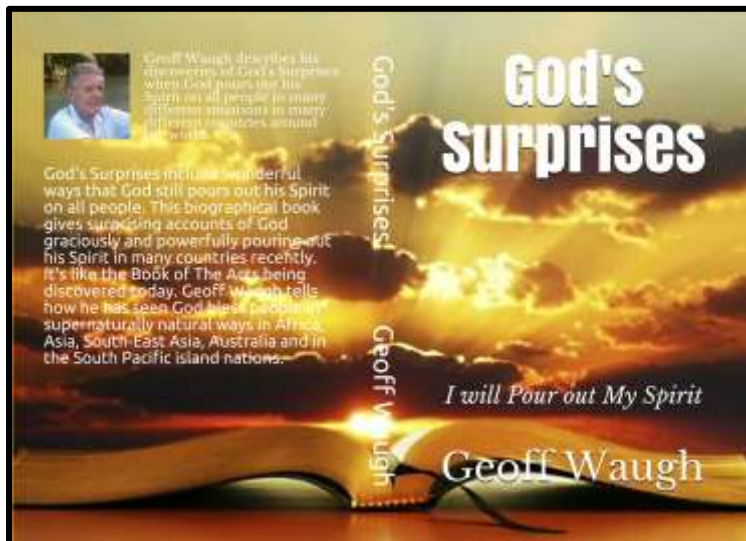




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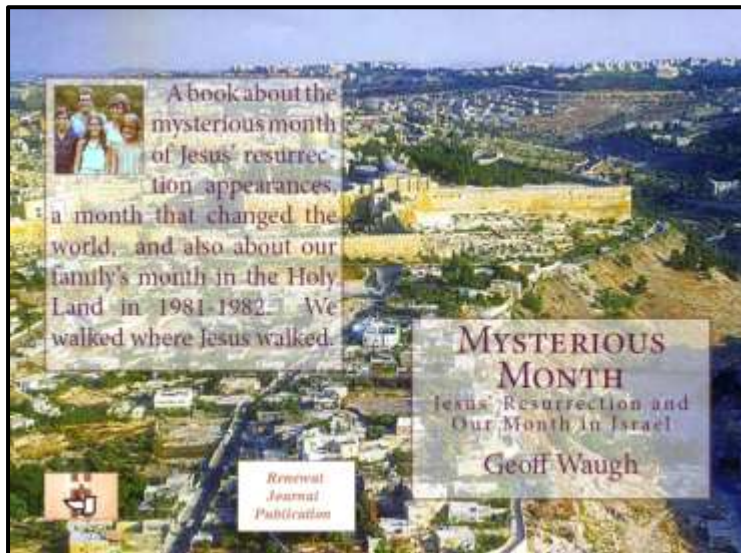
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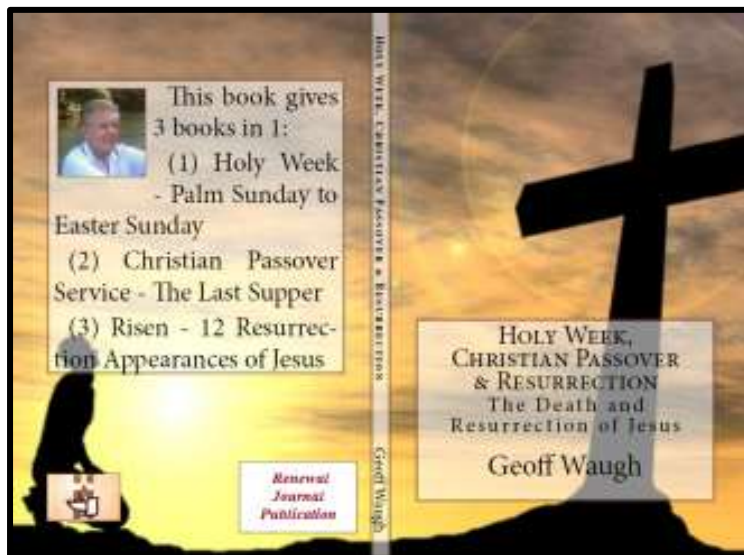
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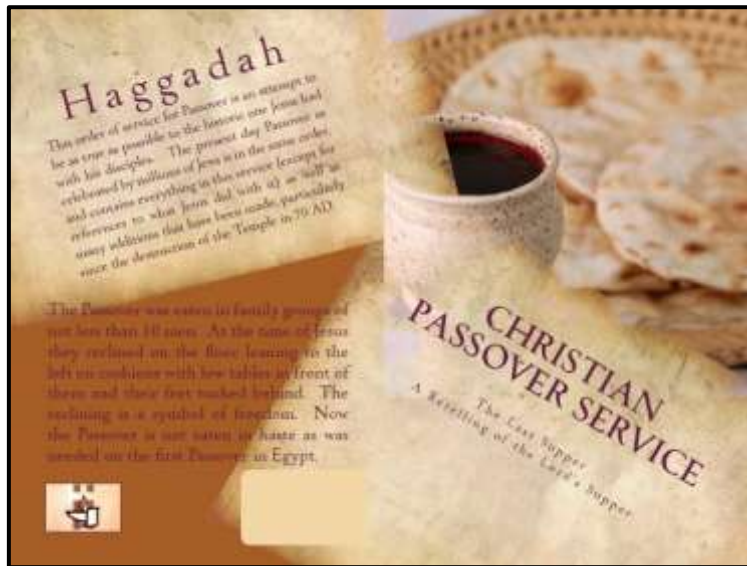
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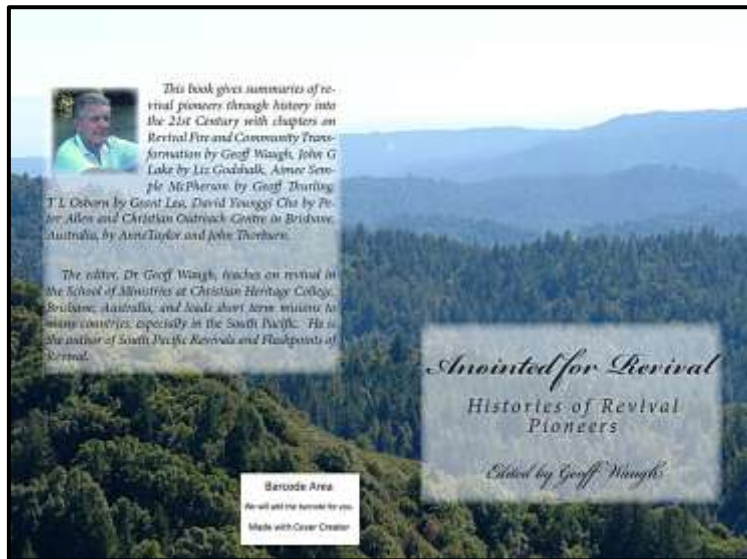


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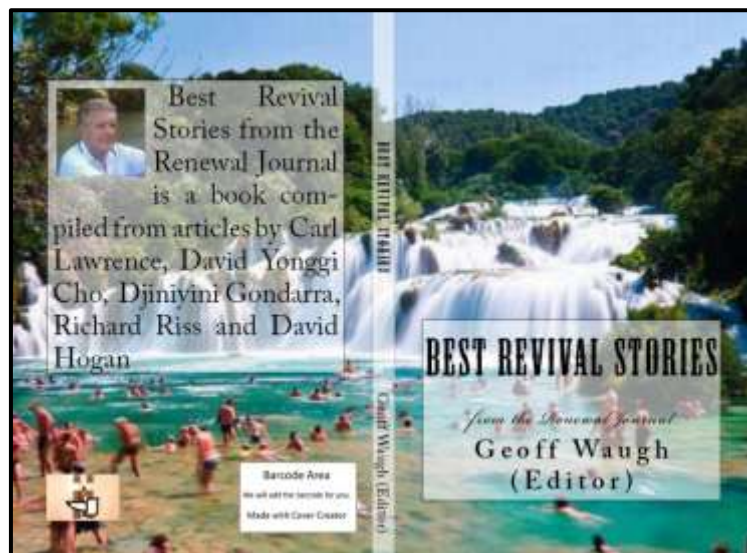
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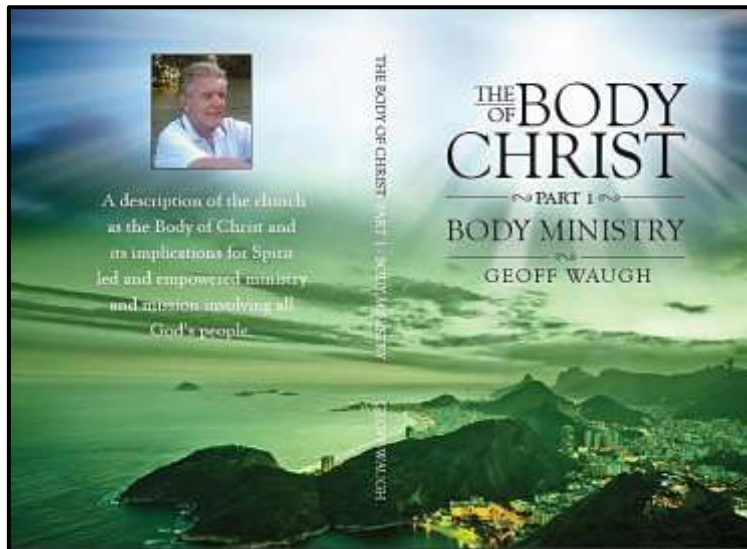
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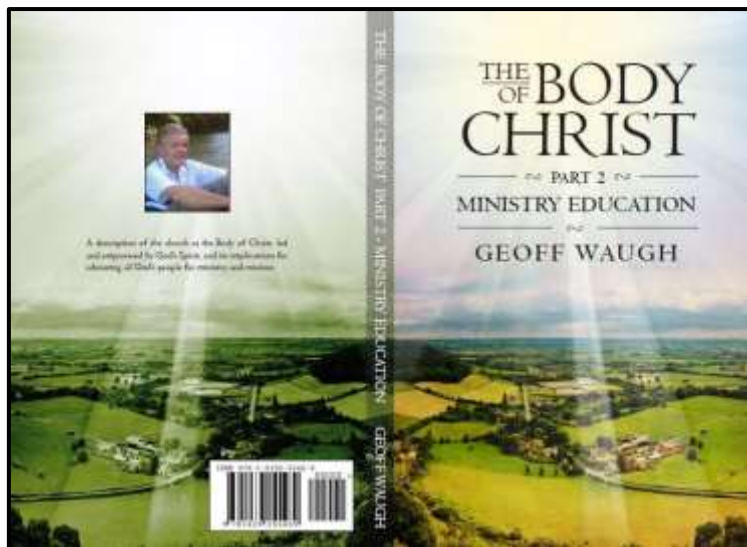
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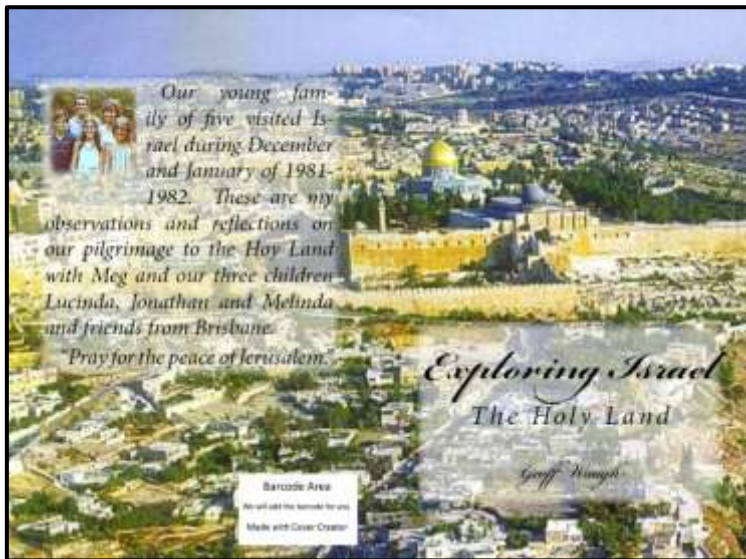
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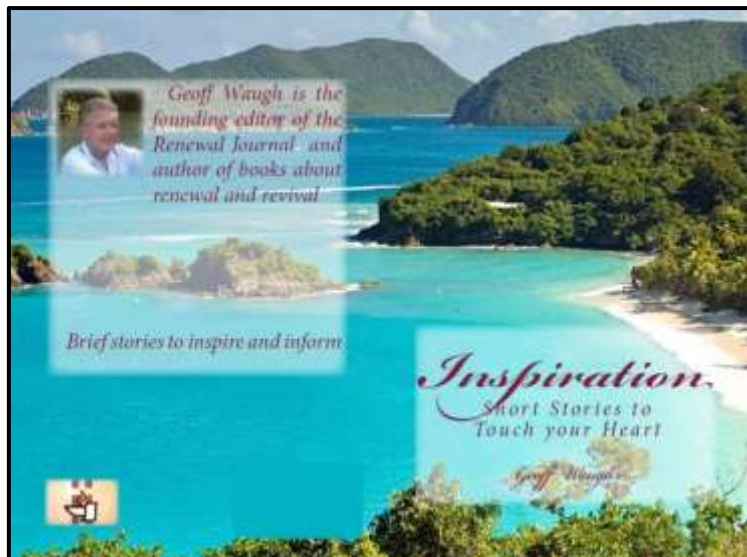


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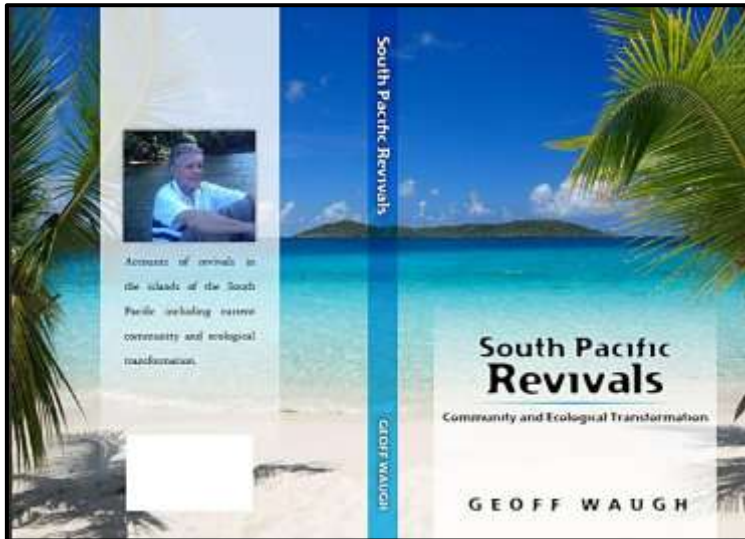
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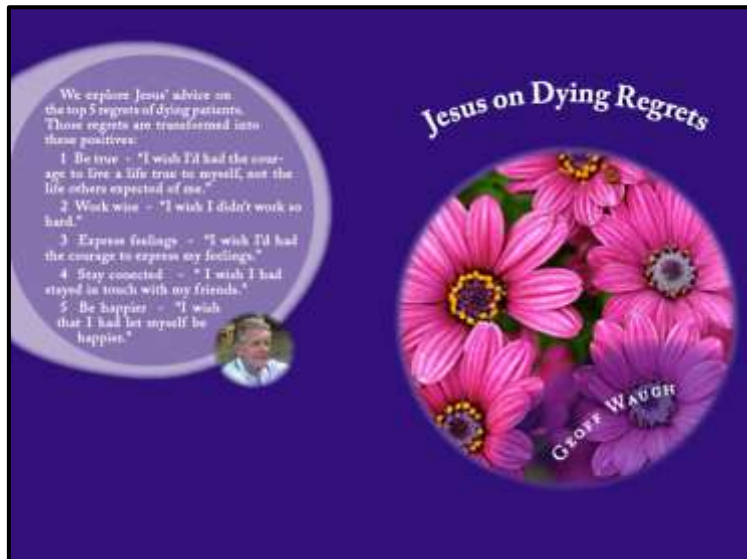
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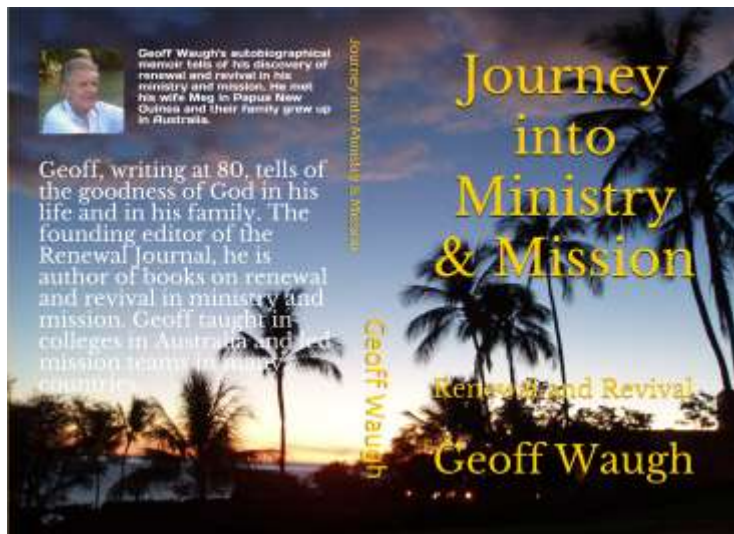
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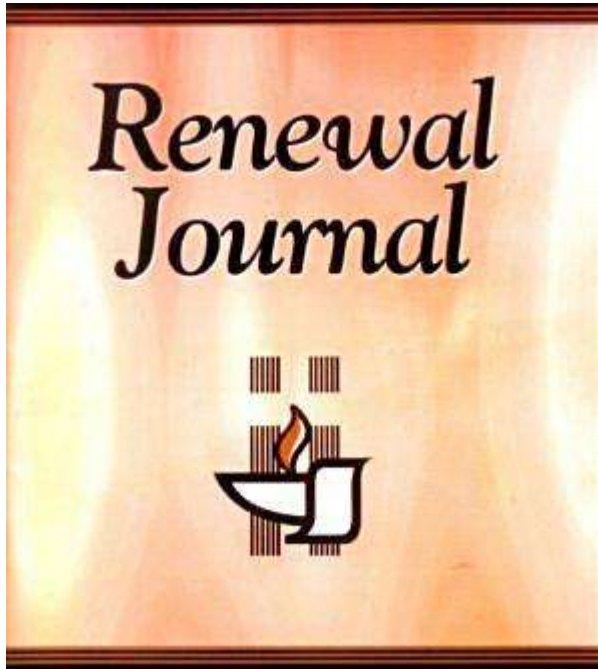
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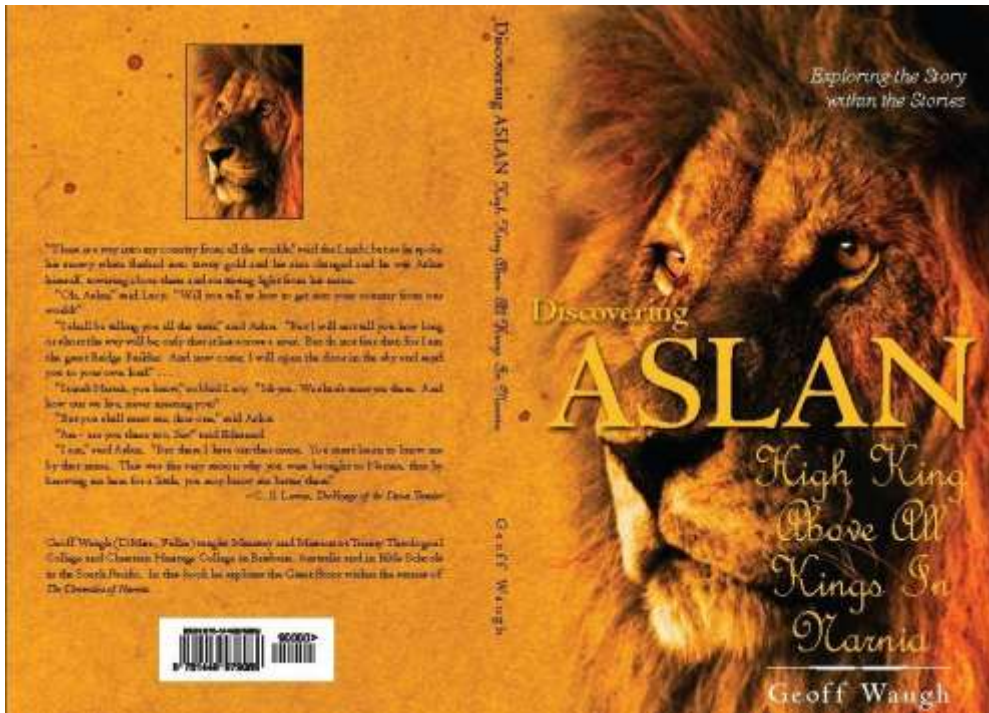
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By knowing me here for a little, you may know me better there

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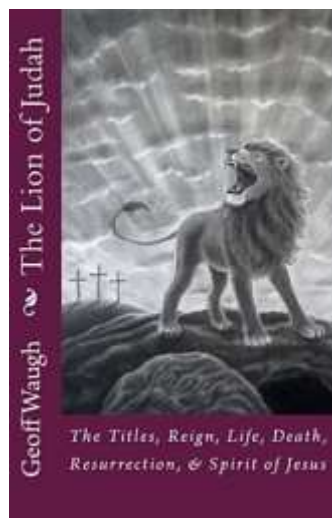
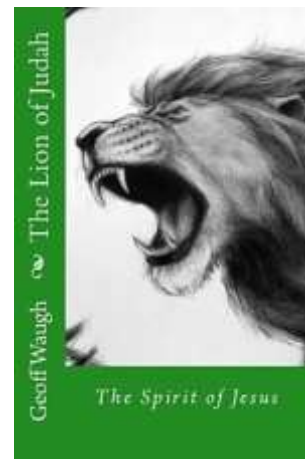
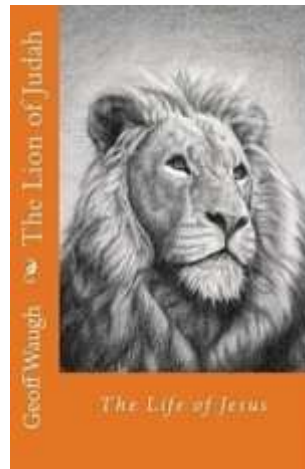
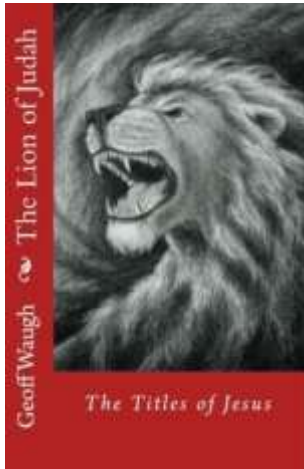
I give you yourselves ... and I give you myself

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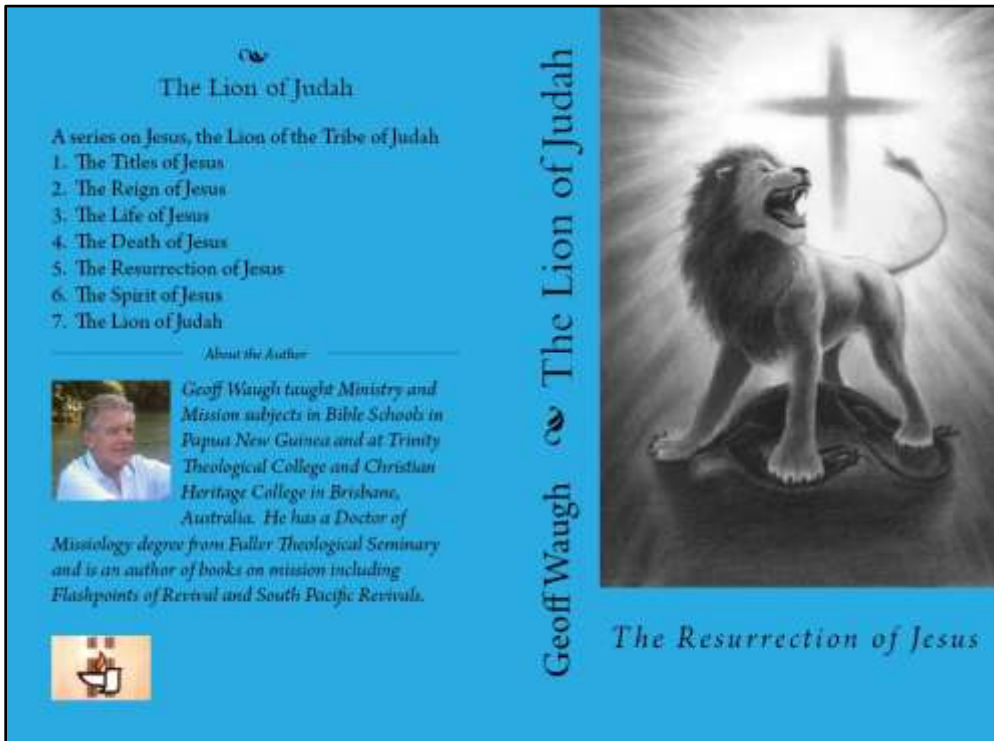
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