

# JESUS IS A MODEL FOR US

How Jesus lived and ministered while on earth.

*John 16:28 (kjv) I came forth **from** the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go **to** the Father.*

*Romans 11:36 (kjv) For **of** Him, and **through** Him, and **to** Him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.*

*Ephesians 2:10 (kjv) For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*

*John 16:28 (niv) I came **from** the Father and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and going back **to** the Father.*

This time period between Jesus coming forth **from** the Father and His going back **to** the Father is of importance to us.

We need to see **how** He lived and ministered during the time He was **in** the world. To discover this, we need to look at *Ephesians 2:10*.

**Workmanship** - created for a specific purpose

*Ephesians 2:10 (kjv) For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*

*(niv) For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

*(cjb) "... for a life of good actions already prepared by God for us to do".*

Workmanship: Gk '**poiema**' means "something made." English words poem and poetry.

We are God's masterpiece, His work of art.  
His **poem**.

**The new creation is His poetic work.** Nothing could excel this amazing work of God, of Him making of a brand-new man.

**The purpose of God placing us in Christ is that we will do good works that are;**

- **Inherently** has God's **goodness** in them.
- **Inspired** by God's character of **goodness**.
- Good works that are **prepared in advance**.

God has written a poem, a tale, a story about us.

*Psalms 90:9 (kjv) For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale that is told.*

We are to live out our lives as an **unfolding** story that God has written about us in Christ.

Living our lives in the overriding presence of destiny and in the sovereign hand of God.

A tale, a poem, a story written about Jesus. Long before He was born - it was written of Him.

## **Jesus' story, tale, poem written**

### **Christ's poem written was about:**

- His life
- His person - God and also man
- His condescension - His coming down
- His journey
- His mighty deeds, (miracles, wonders, signs)
- His suffering, death and burial
- Resurrection and His ascension etc.

Written **beforehand**, so He would walk in them.

## **That it might be fulfilled**

*Matthew 1:22-23 (niv) All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 23: "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call Him Immanuel" which means, "God with us."*

*Matthew 2:15 (kjv) "And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son."*

*Matthew 2:23 (kjb) "And He came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled **which was spoken by the prophets**, He shall be called a Nazarene."*

*Matthew 8:16-17 (nlt) That evening many demon-possessed people were brought to Jesus. He cast out the evil spirits with a simple command, and He healed all the sick. 17: This fulfilled the word of the Lord through **the prophet Isaiah**, who said, "He took our sicknesses and removed our diseases."*

## **How did Jesus live out His life?**

He lived out His life according to what had been written about Him, in the law and by the prophets of old.

### **He daily lived out His life;**

- In **obedience** to the Father.
- In **dependency** on the power of the Holy Spirit.
- In seeking to always **please** the Father

*John 8:29 (kjb) And He that sent Me is **with Me**: the Father hath not left Me alone; **for I do always those things that please Him.***

### **Jesus was always available.**

- **To** the Father.
- **For** the Father to work **in** Him.
- **Through** Him,

Whenever there was a temptation or an **alternative** to the Father's way Jesus would always please the father.

He lived a surrendered life to the Father.

The way that Jesus lived out his life in fulfilling what had been written about him,

Is also the way that we should serve and live out our lives, fulfilling the poem, story or what has been written about us.

We should always be available to the Father for the Father to work in Him and through Him to fulfil all that for which we were created in Christ Jesus

- Living a surrendered life for the Father's pleasure.
- Devoted / committed to His will regardless of the sacrifice to be made.

You are not an accident or a misfit. You are wonderfully made, and an amazing poem / story has been written about you.

Let us all live our lives seeking to fulfil the poem that God has written about our lives and committing ourselves to carrying out those good works that have been pre planned for us.