



**Today I am introducing to you our New Year Sermon
Theme for 2023**

The Good News Story – Tracing the **Scarlet Thread of
Redemption from Genesis to Revelation**

Beginning Jan. 18 we will trace through the Key Stories of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation and discover that God's love for us, His passion to rescue and redeem us is seen in every book of the Bible and is secured for us in Jesus Christ.

Today I want to share an overview of Jesus and the Scarlet Thread of redemption

Jesus in Every Book of the Bible

Adapted from <https://www.gotquestions.org/Jesus-in-every-book-of-the-Bible.html>

Genesis — Jesus is the Word of God, creating the heavens and the earth; He is the promised Seed of the woman

Exodus — Jesus is the Passover lamb

Leviticus — Jesus is the high priest and representative of the tabernacle; He is the lampstand, He is the showbread, and He is the sacrifice on the altar

Numbers — Jesus is the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night and the smitten rock that gives living water

Deuteronomy — Jesus is the prophet greater than Moses

Joshua — Jesus is the Commander of the Army of the Lord, leading His people into the Promised Land

Judges — Jesus is the true and final judge

Ruth — Jesus is the kinsman redeemer

1 & 2 Samuel — Jesus is the anointed shepherd king who slays the giant

1 & 2 Kings — Jesus is the righteous King of Kings and Lord of Lords

1 & 2 Chronicles — Jesus is the faithful restorer of the kingdom

Ezra — Jesus is the faithful restorer of the temple

Nehemiah — Jesus is the redeeming rebuilder of the walls

Esther — Jesus is the sovereign protector of His people

Job — Jesus is the living redeemer and our true comforter

Psalms — Jesus is the Good Shepherd who hears our cries

Proverbs — Jesus is wisdom

Ecclesiastes — Jesus is the meaning of life

Song of Solomon — Jesus is the loving bridegroom coming for His bride

Isaiah — Jesus is the promised Messiah; the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace; the Suffering Servant wounded for our transgression and bruised for our iniquities

Jeremiah — Jesus is the Potter and the Righteous Branch

Lamentations — Jesus is the weeping prophet

Ezekiel — Jesus is the river of life, bringing healing to the nations

Daniel — Jesus is the fourth man in the fiery furnace

Hosea — Jesus is the ever-faithful husband pursuing His unfaithful bride

Joel — Jesus is the restorer of what the locusts have eaten and the One who will pour His Spirit on His people

Amos — Jesus is the burden-bearer and the true restoration

Obadiah — Jesus is the judge of all the earth and mighty to save

Jonah — Jesus is the salvation of all lands and the prophet cast out in the storm who spent three days in the depths

Micah — Jesus is the promised Messiah born in Bethlehem

Nahum — Jesus is the avenger of God's elect

Habakkuk — Jesus is the reason for rejoicing and our strength even when the fields are empty

Zephaniah — Jesus is the preserver and restorer of His remnant and kingdom

Haggai — Jesus is the desire of all nations

Zechariah — Jesus is the cleansing fountain and the pierced Son whom every eye on earth will one day behold

Malachi — Jesus is the Sun of Righteousness, rising with healing in His wings; He is the refiner's fire

Matthew — Jesus is the King of the Jews

Mark — Jesus is the Servant King

Luke — Jesus is the Son of Man

John — Jesus is the Son of God, the Word made flesh who dwelt among us, and the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world

Acts — Jesus is the risen Lord, bringing salvation to all nations

Romans — Jesus is our justification and the righteousness of God

1 Corinthians — Jesus is the Rock

2 Corinthians — Jesus is our triumph, sanctifying the church

Galatians — Jesus is the liberation that fulfills the law and sets us free

Ephesians — Jesus is the head of the church who gives us God's armor

Philippians — Jesus is our joy

Colossians — Jesus is the firstborn of all creation and the head of the church

1 Thessalonians — Jesus is coming again with a trumpet and a shout to meet believers in the clouds

2 Thessalonians — Jesus is believers' patience as they await His return

1 Timothy — Jesus is our mediator between God and man

2 Timothy — Jesus is the Seed of David, raised from the dead, and our salvation

Titus — Jesus is our blessed hope and our faithful pastor

Philemon — Jesus is our Redeemer, restoring us to effective service

Hebrews — Jesus is our High Priest and the author and finisher of our faith

James — Jesus is the One at work in our faith in action

1 Peter — Jesus is the Living Stone, the Chief Cornerstone, and the Rock of Offense

2 Peter — Jesus is the faithful, longsuffering Lord, not willing that any should perish but offering salvation to all

1 John — Jesus is love and the true and eternal God

2 John — Jesus is the truth by which we walk in love

3 John — Jesus is all that is good and a hospitable host

Jude — Jesus is the One who keeps us from stumbling and presents us blameless with great joy

Revelation — Jesus is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and end, the Lamb slain before the foundation of the world, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords

Jesus is the Central Character in God's good News Story. He is The Scarlet thread of Redemption that holds all things together!

**THE SCARLET THREAD
OF REDEMPTION**

A "scarlet thread of redemption" is woven throughout Scripture. It traces God's unfolding plan of love—to redeem fallen mankind. From Genesis to Revelation, this red ribbon represents our need for an innocent blood sacrifice. Ultimately, God sent His Son to die on the cross as the sacrifice for all our sins (John 3:16).¹⁵

—W. A. Criswell, D.D., Ph.D.

◦ **He is Holy, Righteous, mighty, powerful, pure.**

◦ **He is our guide, and He is our peace!**

◦ **He is our Joy, He is our comfort,**

◦ **He is our Redeemer, our Savior & our Lord**

I guess I should rephrase that and ask

Is He your Redeemer, Savior & Lord?

Invitation and Preparation for Communion