



SEEING CHRIST IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Abstract: In Acts 24:27, Luke records Jesus on the Emmaus Road, stating, “beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, [Jesus] interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.” The Bible is indeed one story by one author with one message: God’s plan to save the world through Jesus. A Christ-centered hermeneutic for the Old Testament equips faithful Bible teachers and preachers to rightly handle and expound the entirety of Christian Scripture. This forum will deepen our Christocentric convictions and enhance our understanding of how to properly see Christ in the Old Testament text.

What has God done?
The Doctrine of the Christology, Atonement, and Justification

Topic
Theological Bucket

Learning Objectives:

- Develop a Christ-centered hermenutic for Old Testament Bible study informing expository teaching and preaching.
- Understand the unified story of the biblical text amplifying the necessity of Old Testament exposition.
- Learn how to responsibly “get to” Christ in the Old Testament while striving to do so instinctively rather than formulaically.

Forum Schedule

- 8:00** | Welcome
- 8:15** | Opening Presentation (Presenter)
“Introduction to the Ways to Get to Christ in the Old Testament”
- 8:45** | Theological Discussion (Moderator-Led)
- 10:00** | How might we obey what we have learned?
Personal & Church Applications
- 10:45** | Closing Prayer Time

Forum Date: Saturday, May 16th | 8-11AM

Discussion Questions

- In what ways are Christians tempted to see themselves in the Old Testament when we are not there and miss seeing Christ in the Old Testament when He is there? Why is it dangerous to only preach the OT as character studies with moral applications?
- Discuss Vaughan Roberts “God’s Big Picture” premise, “The Bible has one Author, with one subject, telling one story: God’s plan to save the world through Jesus.” How should the cohesive story of the Bible shape the teacher/preacher’s interpretation and proclamation of individual OT texts?
- What are the dangers of forcing Jesus by way of analogy into OT interpretation? Discuss Goldsworthy and Murray’s insights on the “ways” to see Christ in every OT text. What ways discussed do you find most insightful/helpful?
- How might strict adherence to a historical-grammatical hermeneutic hinder Christological preaching from the Old Testament? Are we right to see Christ in every Old Testament text; Is it indeed, through and through, a messianic document?
- Sinclair Fergusson states “Preaching Christ must become instinctive and not formulaic.” Discuss this.

Presenter

Moderator

Pre-Forum Study Resources

6-Week Individual Study
Release Date: April 1, 2026

Primary Forum Reading | **Jesus on Every Page (ch.7–16)** 164pgs.

- David Murray **Book** | <https://a.co/d/7rmPXqd>
or **Video** | <https://youtu.be/-XgtRaldyA8>; **Poem** | <https://tinyurl.com/jajbz77x>

• Article | **Preaching Christ from the OT** - Graeme Goldsworthy
<https://tinyurl.com/y5b3nbcd>

• Article | **Preaching Christ from the OT** - Sinclair Ferguson
<https://tinyurl.com/2xtkdkmp>

• Essay | **Preaching Christ from All the Scriptures** 29pgs- Edmund Clowney
<https://tinyurl.com/27yw9axe>

• Course | **God’s Big Picture: Tracing the Storyline of the Bible**
Vaughan Roberts
Course: <https://tinyurl.com/24pyhtpz> **Book:** <https://a.co/d/gslDKCx>

• Messages | **The Scriptures Testify About Me** <https://tinyurl.com/27yw9axe>
Tim Keller (**Getting Out: Ex. 14**) | <https://youtu.be/Xzm8hW0dGLk>
A. Begg (**From a Foreigner to King Jesus: Ruth**) | <https://youtu.be/atDFF10gvr8>

• Interview | **What I’ve Learned from Years of Preaching Christ in the OT**
- (TGC) Begg, Dever, Ryken <https://youtu.be/H8dMEqUr5kU>

• Video Series | **Discovering the Gospel in Every Book of the Bible**- T.Keller
Gen.-Job (unfinished due to Keller’s passing) <https://tinyurl.com/3nhxau64>

Other: “Look to the Rock” Alec Motyer; “Gospel & Kingdom” Graeme Goldsworthy

Post-Forum Assignment

Study **Gen. 15:1–6**, outline the text, and write a one page paper on how you would make a Christ-centered application from this text. Please submit your response to be shared with forum participants. **Complete by: June 7, 2026**