

**SEEING AND SAVORING THE DIVINE SON
IN ALL OF SCRIPTURE
(How Does Biblical Theology Help Us See and Celebrate
Christ in the Old Testament?)**

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Foundational principles concerning Jesus’s relationship to the OT:

- A proper understanding of the OT will move us to identify a unified message concerning the Messiah and the mission he would spark (Luke 24:45–47; Acts 3:18, 24; 10:43; 26:22–23; 1 Pet 1:10–11).
- In Jesus, God reveals the “mystery” that he kept secret for long ages but is now making known through the OT itself (Rom 16:25–26; cf. 2 Cor 3:14).
- The OT first promised the good news embodied in the person and work of Jesus Christ (Luke 24:27, 44; John 1:45; 5:39, 46; 8:56; Rom 1:1–3; Heb 11:13; 1 Pet 1:10–11).
- God created all things (including the OT) by the Son, through the Son, and for the Son, so the OT was written for the glory of the divine Son (Col 1:16–17).

Seven ways to see and savor Jesus in the OT:

1. Biblical theology helps us see and celebrate Christ through the OT’s direct messianic predictions.
2. Biblical theology helps us see and celebrate Christ through the OT’s salvation-historical story and trajectories.

OT Narrative Foundation	K	
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3. Biblical theology helps us see and celebrate Christ by highlighting how the old and new ages, creations, and covenants are similar yet distinct.
4. Biblical theology helps us see and celebrate Christ by noting how OT characters, events, and institutions clarify and anticipate his person and work.
5. Biblical theology helps us see and celebrate Christ as we revel in Yahweh’s identity and activity.
6. Biblical theology helps us see and celebrate Christ as we consider the ethical ideals found in OT law and wisdom.
7. Biblical theology helps us see and celebrate Christ as we use the OT to instruct others in the law of love.

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