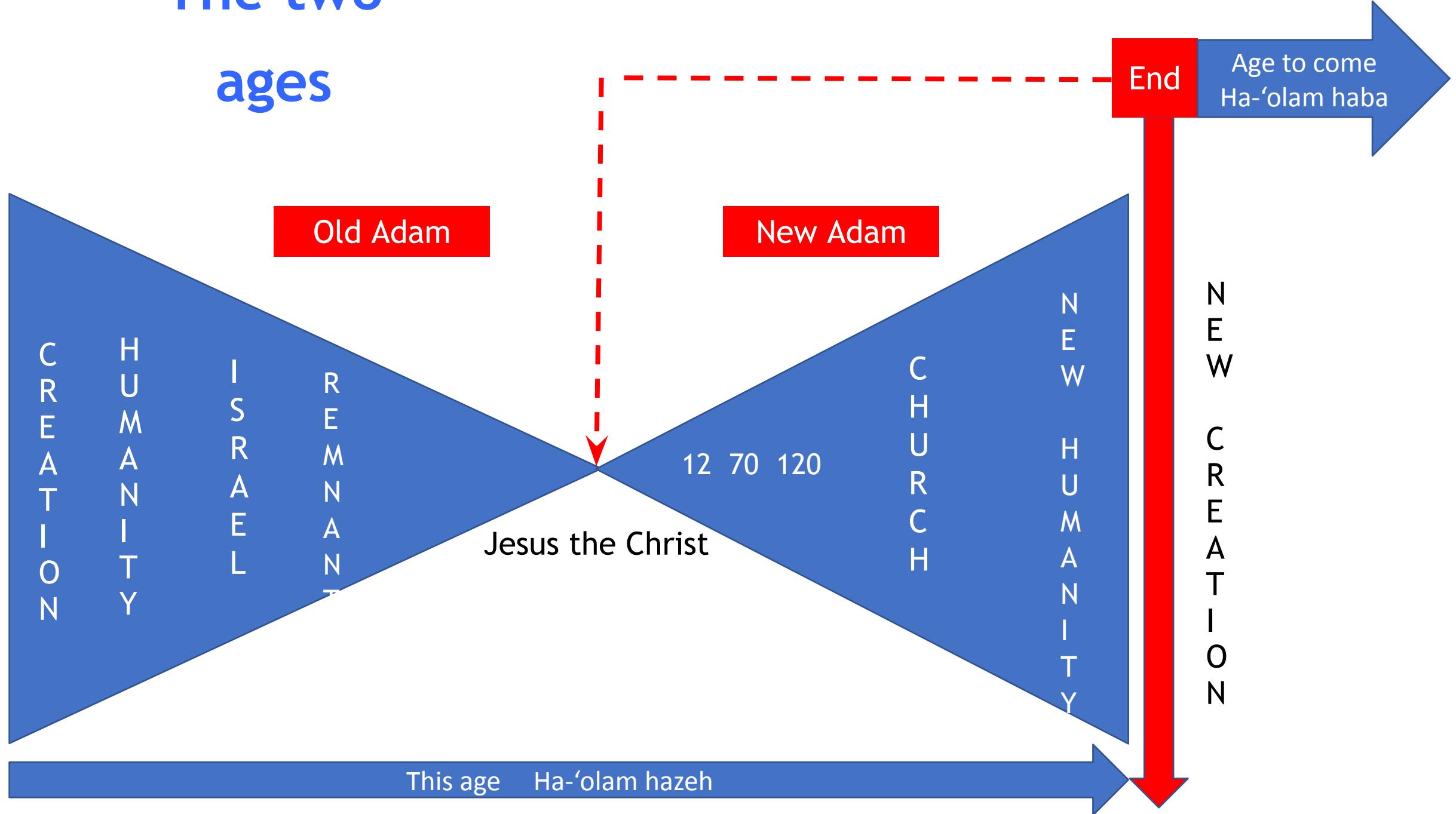
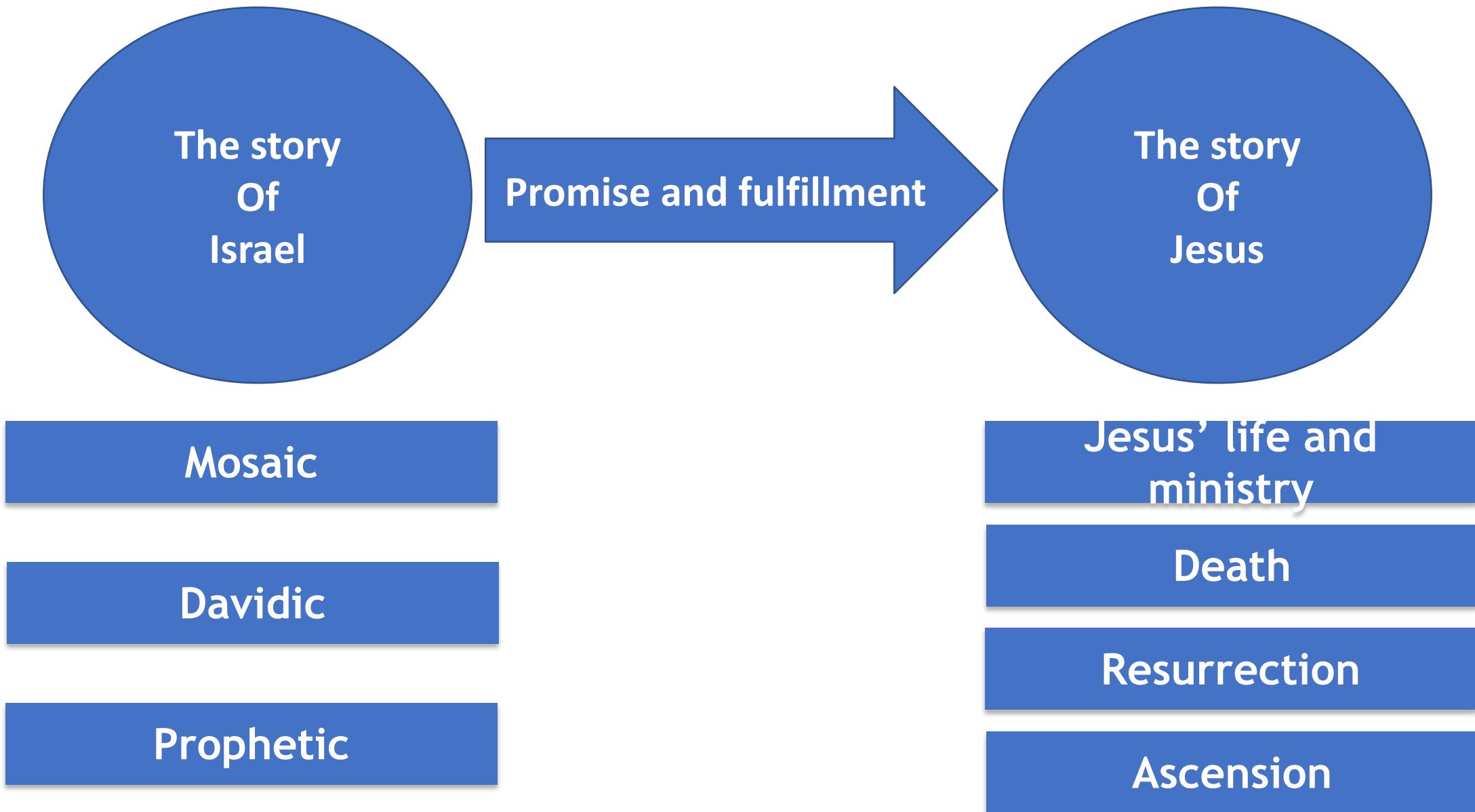


The Story of Jesus

The two ages



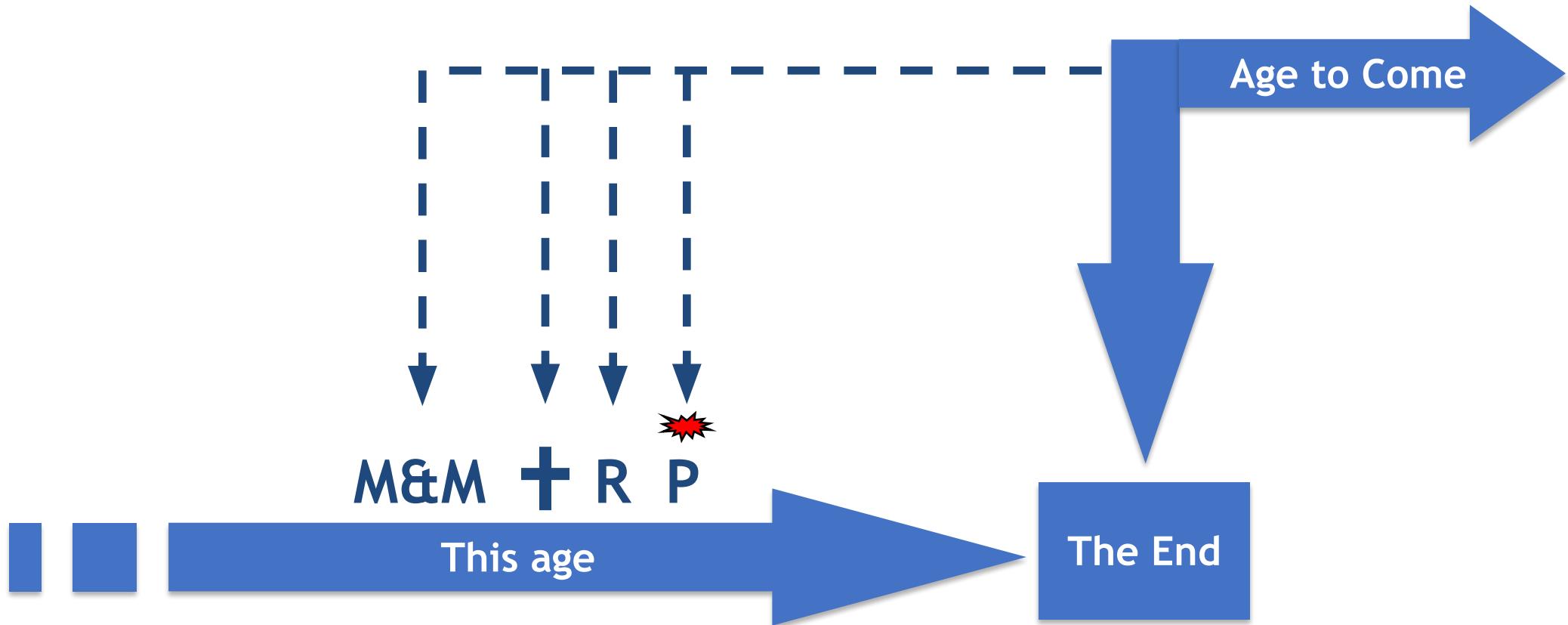
The two stories



The kingdom in four tenses

1. The kingdom will come in the future.
2. The kingdom is now present.
3. The kingdom is ‘near’ or ‘at hand’.
4. The kingdom has been delayed.

The kingdom is always, simultaneously, near, present, delayed and future.



The Gospel

The good news is that:

1. God has come, as he promised he would.
2. God has come, to renew all things, including a renewed humanity in his image and a renewed creation.
3. In order to renew all things, God has come to reign, to let his kingdom come.
4. In order to renew all things, God has come, to reign, through anointing Jesus as the Christ/king.
5. God has come, to reign, through the life, ministry, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus the Christ/king.
6. God has come through the ministry and message of Jesus, to confront the power of Satan and liberate humanity from sin, sickness, demons, religious oppression, death and injustice/poverty.
7. God has come through the death of Jesus as the Day of Judgment occurring in advance, to liberate humanity from the penalty of sin.
8. God has come through the resurrection of Jesus the Christ/king, to triumph over the powers of darkness and to give new life (rebirth) or the life of the coming ages (eternal life) to humanity.
9. God has come, through the ascension of Jesus the Christ/King, to pour out on his disciples the same anointing of the Spirit that was on him, empowering them to announce and demonstrate the kingdom to all nations and peoples, to the ends of the earth and to the end of the age.

The whole story of Jesus

1. No longer forgetting the story of Israel: Promise and fulfilment. No leap from Genesis 1-2 to Christ.
2. Overcoming the “comma” in the Creed.
3. Life/ministry *and* death *and* resurrection *and* ascension.
4. Each step in the story of Jesus brings salvation, and each part of his story is received by faith in the journey of discipleship through the impartation of the Spirit.
5. Leaving out any one part of his story is less than the “full gospel” (reductionism).

The kingdom: the message and mission

Jesus

“God has come through the ministry and message of Jesus, to confront the power of Satan and **liberate humanity** from sin, sickness, demons, religious oppression, death and injustice/poverty.”

1. His announcement in the Synagogue of Nazareth that Jesus is the Son of God news - liberation.
2. Deliverance ministry, exorcising demons, healing sickness.
3. Healing of every kind of sickness.
4. Feeding the poor, overturning tables of the money-changers, justice.
5. Welcoming the previously excluded (sinners, Gentiles, women and children).
6. Conflicts with the Pharisees: table fellowship with the “unclean”.
7. Raising people from the dead, ruling creation.

Signs and wonders
The inauguration of the new creation

Receiving Jesus by faith

The Death of Jesus

Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

John 12:31-33

Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." ... When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished."

John 19:28-30

Darkness & earthquake

Dead people appearing!

Eschatology
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Justification

The death of Jesus

John's language:

Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life.

John 5:24

Paul's language:

- Justification
- Reconciliation

Receiving Jesus by faith

The Resurrection of Jesus

Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at [the last day](#).” Jesus said to her, “[I am](#) the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.”

John 11:24-26

The phenomenon of the Risen Body of Jesus

Soma-pneumaticos: Trans-physical reality

His body the model of our future bodies!

The resurrection of Jesus

Again Jesus said, ‘Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.’ And with that **he breathed on them** and said, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit (John 20:21-22).

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us **new birth into a living hope through the resurrection** of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade (1 Peter 1:3-4).

This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought **life and immortality to light** through the gospel (2 Timothy 1:9-10).

The new nature in Christ

Christian identity