

The Jesus of the Bible

In Genesis, Jesus is the Ram at Abraham's altar, and the rejected Joseph glorified as Lord
In Exodus, He's the Passover Lamb, Manna from heaven and the Rock that gives water
In Leviticus, He's the Perfect Offering without a blemish – and our living Aaron (Priest)
In Numbers, He's the Cloud by day and Pillar of Fire by night
In Deuteronomy, He's our City of Refuge and Gathering Center of the Promised Land

In Joshua, He's the Captain of the Lord's army, bringing into the heavenly inheritance
In Judges, He's our appointed Warrior-Judge giving victory over our enemies
In Ruth, He is our Kinsman Redeemer from Bethlehem who purchases a Gentile bride
In 1st Samuel, He's God's Anointed King – a man after God's own heart
In 2nd Samuel, He's Israel's rejected King who experienced suffering and humiliation
In 1st Kings, He's our coming King Solomon removing sinners and bringing peace
In 2nd Kings, He's the Promise Keeper of the "sure mercies of David" (a forever dynasty)
In 1st Chronicles, He's the Son of David (a man) sitting upon the throne of the Lord
In 2nd Chronicles, He's the Builder of the house of God – the church
In Ezra, He is our faithful Scribe (teacher of Scripture) and Leader of revival
In Nehemiah, He's the Rebuilder of what is broken
In Esther, He is the invisible hand of Providence, and the Mordecai who saves Israel

In Job, He's my Redeemer who lives forever
In Psalms, He is my Shepherd and I shall not want (any other)
In Proverbs, He's our Wisdom
In Ecclesiastes, He's our Satisfaction to the vanity (emptiness) of things under the sun
In the Song of Solomon, He's the Bridegroom whose banner over His bride is love

In Isaiah, He's the suffering Servant wounded for our transgressions
In Jeremiah, He's the faithful Preacher – even when no one else wants God's Word
In Lamentations, it is Jesus who is the weeping Prophet proclaiming God's faithfulness
In Ezekiel, He's the Glory of God who is revealed, removed and returns – as a man
In Daniel, He is the fourth Man in the midst of a fiery furnace – and the Stone cut without hands that destroys man's kingdoms and *then* becomes the kingdom of God

In Hosea, He is the forever-faithful Husband who loved the unworthy spouse
In Joel, He's the Baptizer with the Holy Spirit and Shelter for His people from the wrath
In Amos, He's our Burden Bearer as He faithfully warns of judgments to come
In Obadiah, He's our Savior who keeps His saving promises in the midst of destructions
In Jonah, He is the Hope for the sinner by coming to life after 3 days and 3 nights.
In Micah, He's a Ruler who walks humbly, doing justly, while loving mercy that pardons
In Nahum, He is the Righteous Avenger
In Habakkuk, He is Salvation's Promise for rejoicing when the fig tree does not blossom
In Zephaniah, He is the LORD God who is mighty to save for He is resting in His love
In Haggai, He is the Restorer of what is lost
In Zechariah, He's our Fountain that washes away sin and uncleanness
In Malachi, He is the Sun of Righteousness arising with healing in His wings

In Matthew, Jesus is the Son of David, the promised King – Counselor
In Mark, He is the Serving miracle worker – Caring
In Luke, He’s the Son of Man, the Good Samaritan – Compassion
In John, He’s the Son of the living God, and the Door by which all must enter – Creator

In Acts, He is the shining Light that appears to Saul on the road to Damascus.

In Romans, He is Just and The Justifier of every sinner who turns to Him by faith
In 1 Corinthians, He’s the Commander of His churches – and First-fruits of Resurrection
In 2 Corinthians, He’s our Sin-bearer and Reconciler to the Father
In Galatians, He’s the Redeemer from the curse of the law, and from being under the law
 But He’s the Giver of the Holy Spirit (righteousness of the law) in our hearts
In Ephesians, He is the sole Head of church – His body, the fullness of Him
In Philippians, He’s our Righteousness, Joy, and Model of humility and submission
In Colossians, He’s the Fullness of the Godhead in bodily form – and thus our All
In 1st Thessalonians, He’s our soon-coming Deliverer from death and coming judgment
In 2nd Thessalonians, He is the coming Warrior who will destroy the man of sin
In 1st Timothy, He is the One Mediator between God and man
In 2nd Timothy, He is the all-sufficient Truth of Scripture for the man of God
In Titus, He is the Grace that brings salvation – and our Blessed Hope for the future
In Philemon, He is a Friend who forgives

In Hebrews, He’s the Blood and living Great High Priest of the eternal New Covenant
In James, He’s Lord, and the Good Gift from Above who works out our salvation by faith
In 1 Peter, He is the Chosen and Elect of God to be the holy Chief Shepherd (Pastor)
In 2 Peter, He’s our Assurance – the Fulfillment of the OT Spirit-inspired prophecies
In 1st John, He is God’s Love – on the cross
In 2nd John, He is the Truth – abiding in us
In 3rd John, He’s the Supplier of the needs of His servants
In Jude, He’s the Keeper revealing the false to keep us from falling, to present us with joy

And in Revelation, lift up your eyes, Church, for your redemption draws near...He is the
Bright and Morning Star heralding light after night: the King of kings and Lord of lords!
The Lord Jesus Christ is coming again!

“Christ is all,”

Col. 3:11

Years ago, some anonymous person captured the centrality of Christ in the Bible by identifying the reflection of His image in each Bible book. The above is based on that but revised and expanded.