



**Workshop:**

## **Walking Backwards to Bethlehem**

*Christ in the Old Testament*

**Session 2:**

**We continue looking at “Christophanies” (appearances of Christ in the Old Testament, under different “titles”)**

Today’s Bible verses:

**Exodus 23:20 – 24**

**Deuteronomy 4:35-37**

**Judges 2: 1-5**

**Genesis 31: 4-16**

**Genesis 48: 12-16**

**Thoughts on “malakh YHWH” translated as “angel of the LORD” :**

How does the word “messenger” impact you differently than saying “angel”?  
( *angel is the job title of “messengers” for God* )

Consider the significant emphasis of “monotheism” (one God) ... how does this elusive language concerning the angel being distinct from YHWH and yet speak 1<sup>st</sup> person as God (“*I led you out..” I am the God of Bethel*” ...) impact you?

Jacob wrestled with an “angel” in Gen 32: 22-31, and the angel could have won easily... and Jacob is said to have wrestled with God. *Thoughts on what to make of that?*

If “scripture interprets scripture”... then how does Jude 5 shed light?