

## Vocabulary for Unit 2

**Christology:** The theological study of the person and deeds of Jesus the Christ, in particular how he is God and human in one person.

**historical criticism:** A method of analyzing the Bible that considers the historical context, the philosophical presuppositions, and the theological perspective of a particular passage.

**messianic secret:** Attempts Jesus made to hide his identity as the Christ, found especially in the Gospel of Mark.

**literary criticism:** A method of analyzing the Bible considering the way an account is written, for example, its placement in the Scriptures, its genre, characterization, plot, and the author's perspective.

**miracle:** A special manifestation, or sign, of the presence and power of God; a phenomenon outside of natural laws that leads us to attribute it to God's intervention.

**parable:** A story intended to convey a religious truth or particular teaching through the use of metaphors.

