



Messianic Prophecies

Luke 24:44-48

From ancient times, God _____ the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Years before Jesus began His _____ ministry the Jews longed for a Messiah. They had _____ the Old Testament Scriptures and _____ that one day God would send to them His anointed One, a Messiah, the Christ. He would _____ as a prophet, a priest, and a king! He would set up a _____ that would have no end and would extend to _____ nations. They knew that He would be a _____ of David, and they longed for the day when He would come to _____ them the times of refreshing.

When Jesus came into the world, they began to _____ how He indeed fulfilled Moses and the prophets by His birth, His life, His death, and even His resurrection. They _____ and _____ Jesus as Christ and Lord. Throughout the New Testament the _____ appealed to two aspects in the life of Jesus in order to establish that He was the Messiah. They appealed to His _____ and to His fulfillment of the messianic _____ in the Hebrew Scriptures. The apostles appealed repeatedly to the Old Testament as God's Word to show Jesus is the _____ prophet and Messiah. The Jews knew a Messiah would come, and the disciples _____ Him in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Read Luke 24:44-48.**

In John chapter 4, Jesus had a discussion with a most _____ person, a Samaritan woman who had been married five times and was living with a man. Men didn't usually _____ to women in public, and Jews had almost _____ to do with Samaritans, but even this Samaritan woman knew something about the _____ Messiah (John 4:25-26). Jesus _____ to this woman that He was indeed the Messiah!

The writings of Moses and the prophets did something that no other _____ in all antiquity ever did; they predicted the _____. That their predictions came _____ was a sure sign that God was behind them (Isaiah 46:9-10; Isaiah 48:3). The Lord Jesus said to the Jews, "For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he _____ of me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my _____?" (John 5:46-47). The apostle Peter could proclaim in the temple to all in Jerusalem, "But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled" (Acts 3:18).



J. Barton Payne calculated that 27 percent of the entire _____ contains predictive prophecy. Norman Geisler observed that, “This is _____ of no other book in the world. And it is a sure _____ of its divine origin (that is, the Bible’s divine origin).” Contrasting the Bible with other _____ books and the writings of the pagan religions, R. S. Foster said, “No well accredited prophecy is found in any other book or even oral tradition now extant, or that has _____ been in existence in the world. There is not a single one of them that meets the _____ required to prove supernatural agency, which every Scripture prophecy evinces.”

When you consider the _____ of God’s Word from the beginning, they are marvelous. After Adam and Eve sinned in the garden, God _____ the serpent and set in motion God’s _____ for the ages to redeem mankind from sin. The seed of the woman would one day _____ the seed of the serpent (Genesis 3:15). As Genesis continues we learn that the seed of Abraham would _____ all nations (Genesis 12:1-3). In Genesis 21, we learn that the _____ came through Isaac and in chapter thirty-five, he would come through Jacob. Moses revealed God’s _____ of a coming prophet – **read Deuteronomy 18:15-19.**

Unlike the _____ lightning and earthquake that took place on Mt. Sinai, God sent His Son Jesus as a _____ into Bethlehem. He spoke with the _____ of God, but appeared as a _____ like his countrymen. The Word became _____, filled with glory, grace and truth. In Acts chapter 3, the apostle Peter _____ to Jesus Christ as the fulfillment of Moses’ prophecy. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found Him of whom Moses in the _____ and also the _____ wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph” (John 1:45). God also made a promise to David – **read 2 Samuel 7:12-13.** All the kingdoms of the earth come to an end, but this descendant of David would _____ a kingdom that would have no end.

In Psalm 110, David prophesied of a coming _____ and _____ who would raise His scepter from Zion (that is Jerusalem). Read what David wrote by inspiration in Psalm 110:1-4. Moses spoke of the coming one as a _____, and David said that He would be a _____ and a _____, and Jesus was all three. Isaiah in several passages tells us _____ about the Lord Jesus Christ. Isaiah 2:1-4 reveals that the Messiah will come in the _____ days and His _____ will go forth to all nations from Jerusalem. Isaiah notes that His ways will bring _____. Isaiah 7:14 predicts, “Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a _____: Behold, a virgin



will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.” Jesus was indeed _____ of a virgin (Matthew 1:18; Luke 2:7). The Lord Jesus is _____ Immanuel, “God with us.” Jesus was born of _____ and was indeed the seed of the woman who would _____ the head of the seed of the serpent (Galatians 4:4). Read God’s prediction in Isaiah 9:6-7. It is in Isaiah that we learn the coming Messiah would also be a suffering _____. Isaiah 52:13, continuing through Isaiah 53:12 contains some very specific prophecies about the _____ of Jesus Christ. It reveals how He as the _____ of God silently offered himself for our _____ – read Isaiah 53:5-6. Only Jesus Christ could _____ this prophecy. No one else in all of history _____ for the sins of mankind.

Daniel predicted the Messiah would come and set up His kingdom that would last _____ in the days of the fourth empire, the _____ empire (Daniel 2:44). He predicted the year the Messiah would come, noting that He would come before the _____ and the _____ were destroyed (Daniel (9:24-27)). We _____ that Jerusalem and the temple were destroyed in 70 AD. The Messiah had to come _____ that time, and _____ Jesus fulfilled the prophecies. Let me encourage you who are _____ hoping for a future Messiah to take a second look at Jesus of Nazareth. The Lord Jesus set up His _____ in the first century according to the prophecy of Daniel; that kingdom is the _____ and it lasts forever.

The prophet Micah (5:2) tells of the _____ village where the Messiah would be born. This _____ to be born in Bethlehem was not simply a human baby. His goings forth are from _____, from the days of eternity. Jesus is that _____ that John spoke about. He was _____ God and _____ God (John 1:1). The wise men came from the East following the _____, to find the King of the Jews. They asked Herod to find the _____ place of His birth. Herod called for the high priests and the scribes to _____ the question, and they pointed to the prophecy of Micah 5:2. The Messiah would be _____ in Bethlehem of Judah, Bethlehem Ephrathah, and no place else. Jesus fits this prophecy as _____. Herod also took it so seriously that he sent his soldiers to _____ every child from the age of two years old and under in the town of Bethlehem. Even this _____ act came as a fulfillment of the prophecy of Rachel weeping for the children (Jeremiah 31:15).

There are other prophecies pointing to Jesus. Isaiah 40 and verse 3 predicts, “A voice calling, ‘Clear the way for the LORD in the wilderness; Make smooth in the desert a highway for our God.’ ” Jesus said this voice refers to John the Baptist, who preached repentance, “for the



kingdom of heaven is at hand.” You see, he was preparing the way for the Lord, for God. He prepared the way for Jesus Christ our Lord.

Just as Isaiah 53 predicted Jesus’ _____, so Psalm 16:8-10 prophesied His _____. Jesus came forth from the dead on the _____ day; and God did not abandon Him to death but raised Him up. The apostle Peter _____ this passage and said that _____ the apostles were eyewitnesses of His resurrection. They saw its fulfillment and proclaimed at Pentecost to everyone that Jesus Christ was both _____ and _____ (Acts 2:36).

Some skeptics have suggested that Jesus of Nazareth, as a rabbi, naturally _____ about these predictions and simply arranged the _____ of His life to fulfill these specific prophecies. But the predictions of Jesus would not be that _____ to prearrange. How would you arrange to be _____ in Bethlehem? How would you manage to be born into the _____ of Judah? How would you make sure that the _____ of your betrayal would be precisely thirty pieces of silver? How would you arrange to be crucified with _____? How would a crucified man arrange to have his enemies _____ for his garments? Grant Jeffrey observed, “The truth is that, if you could _____ all these details, you would have to be the Son of God.” There is no way that Jesus as a man could have _____ these events necessary for the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy about the Messiah. Furthermore, Jesus Christ despised dishonesty and deception; it was contrary to his _____ to pretend as the hypocrites do. Jesus was indeed a _____ person in whose mouth was no deceit.

You can put your _____ in Jesus as Lord and as the Messiah without _____. He is the _____ person in all of history who could be the Messiah. He fulfilled _____ the prophecies of the Old Testament. He came to _____ all nations with salvation. If we want to receive His blessing and follow Him, we must _____ with all our hearts. We must _____ of our sins, changing our hearts and lives. We must _____ Him before others and be _____. Baptism into Christ is an immersion in water for the _____ of our sins.