

Lesson # 2 Jesus Fulfills the Prophecies of the Christ

Opening Shot:

An amazing number of prophecies were given in the ancient scriptures about the Christ (the Messiah or Savior), also called “the Promised One”, or “the Anointed One”. God gave us all these prophecies (that foretell the future) because He wanted us to recognize his Son when He sent him. The question remains: “Did we?”

Introduction to Bible Truths: (Optional)

See attached sheet for several Old Testament references of prophecies regarding the birth and life of the Christ, and a complimentary list of New Testament references showing how Jesus fulfilled those prophecies. Look up some of the passages and read them. (Read also Isaiah 52:13-15 and Isaiah 53 to see a long description of the Christ.)

Ask Me No Questions/ I'll Tell You No Lies:

- 1.) I'm no Bible scholar, why should I care about all these old scripture references?
- 2.) Why does it matter if Jesus fulfilled some dusty old prophecies?
- 3.) Are there any the prophecies Jesus didn't fulfill yet?

We've Got Questions/ God's Got Answers:

Luke 7:18-23 *John's disciples told him about all these things. Calling two of them, he sent them to the Lord to ask, "Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?" When the men came to Jesus, they said, "John the Baptist sent us to you to ask, 'Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?'"*

At that very time Jesus cured many who had diseases, sicknesses and evil spirits, and gave sight to many who were blind. So he replied to the messengers, "Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor. Blessed is the man who does not fall away on account of me."

Isaiah 61:1-2 (This is the Old Testament prophecy to which Jesus refers in Luke 7:22) *The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor...*

Isaiah 52:8 *Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices; together they shout for joy. When the LORD returns to Zion, they will see it with their own eyes.*

Psalms 2:6 *"I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill."*

Matthew 6:10 *... your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*

Parting Shot:

The scripture references in the Old Testament, which are prophecies of the Christ, had to be fulfilled by the Christ. We need to know them, because if Jesus didn't fulfill them, then we need to wait for another. But, just like John the Baptist was convinced when he saw Jesus' work and compared it with the promises in the prophecies, we can know for certain that Jesus is the Christ! The prophecies in the Old Testament that remain unfulfilled regarding the Christ are about the Coming Kingdom. Jesus will fulfill them when He comes again and establishes His kingdom!

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A Partial List of the Prophecies of the Christ Already Fulfilled by Jesus
(Lesson #2 – Optional Handout for Students)

Old Testament Reference	New Testament Fulfillment
Micah 5:2 Born in Bethlehem	Luke 2:11 Born in Bethlehem (known as the City of David)
Isaiah 7:14 Born of a virgin	Matthew 1:18-21 Born of a virgin
Hosea 11:1 Out of Egypt I called my son	Matthew 2:13-15, 19-20 Escape to and return from Egypt
Jeremiah 31:15 He will be called a Nazarene	Matthew 2:21-23 Raised in Nazareth
Isaiah 9:1-2 Those living in darkness have seen a great light (refers to location near the Sea of Galilee)	Matthew 4:12-16 Jesus left Nazareth and went to live near the Sea of Galilee
Isaiah 53:4 "He took up our infirmities and carried our diseases."	Matthew 8:16-17 Jesus healed many people
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Isaiah 6:9 He said, "Go and tell this people: 'Be ever hearing, but never understanding...'"	Luke 8:9-10 Jesus spoke in Parables to the crowds
Psalms 69:9 "Zeal for your house will consume me."	John 2:13-17 Jesus Clears the Temple of the corrupt money changers
Zechariah 11:13 God valued at thirty pieces of silver Jeremiah 19:1-13; and 32:6-9 The silver buys Potter's Field	Matthew 27:3-10 Judas betrays Jesus for 30 pieces of silver, which he returns later and it is used to buy a Potter's Field
Isaiah 53:5, Psalm 22:14-18 "they have pierced my hands and my feet" Zechariah 12:10 They will look on me, the one they have pierced	Luke 23 Crucifixion of Jesus
Psalm 22:18 They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.	Luke 23:34 They divided his clothes by casting lots
Psalm 34:20 Not one of his bones will be broken...	John 19:36 The guards did not break Jesus' legs at the crucifixion
Isaiah 53:9 Assigned a grave with the wicked and with the rich in his death...	Luke 23:32-33 Crucified between two criminals Luke 23:50-53 Buried in a rich man's tomb