

We Would See Jesus: The Son of God

“All Things Must Be Fulfilled Which Were Written”

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INTRODUCTION

Appreciation is expressed to the elders, director and members of the faithful Palm Beach Lakes congregation. Your steadfast work for years has been a beacon light to the world. Your lecture series, year after year, has served as a tremendous tool to the brotherhood.

In this lesson, let us examine, *“as if for the first time,”* the thrilling information associated with the Son of God regarding prophecies made, hundreds of years prior to His walking on Earth, and their exact fulfillment. These faith-building facts are astonishing if viewed only through man and his inabilities. But when we fully realize that it was the plan and works of Almighty God, the Creator of the universe, that brought these things to pass, then we appreciate and love our Father even more!

We will divide our lesson into the following segments: (1) Historical Setting of Our Text; (2) Specific Prophecies and Their Fulfillment; (3) Obvious Conclusions.

HISTORICAL SETTING FOR OUR TEXT

John’s account of the gospel record states clearly that the Son of God was in the beginning.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not ... And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. (John 1:1-5, 14) [All Scripture references are taken from the King James Version unless otherwise noted.]

Jesus Christ came to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10), to do the will of the One who sent Him (John 6:38-40). After three years of “doing good” (Acts 10:38) on Earth, He “endured the cross, despising the shame” (Heb. 12:2). Jesus died for lost sinful man! Yet, thankfully, this is NOT the end of the story. On the day of Pentecost, Peter and the other eleven declared,

Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it. (Acts 2:23-24)

As the apostles continued preaching, convicting thousands of their sinful state and their need of the Savior, they said,

Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he

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would raise up Christ to sit on his throne; He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption. This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. (Acts 2:29-32)

God raised our Lord from the dead. The angels told those precious women, “He is not here. He is risen!”

After Jesus had appeared to two on the road to Emmaus, finally their eyes were opened and they knew He was the Son of God. They went to the eleven in Jerusalem and told them of the Lord’s resurrection. Jesus appeared at that time before them. They were afraid. He showed them His hands and feet to convince them He was not a spirit. The Lord was hungry and they fed Him some fish and honeycomb.

And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that **all things must be fulfilled, which were written** in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. (Luke 24:44, emp. added)

Consider the awesome statement the Lord made to the disciples (which certainly includes Christians today). Strive to comprehend the enormity of the plan of God, spanning thousands of years, beginning before the world began, unfolded one fact at a time by the inspired prophets, and finally “when the fulness of time was come, God sent forth his Son” (Gal. 4:4). Our Lord thus reminded the disciples of the things written of Him by Moses, the prophets and in the psalms—“While I was with you before my death, this is that of which I spoke, and ALL THINGS MUST BE FULFILLED.”

PROPHECIES AND THEIR FULFILLMENT

Let us examine a few of the OVER 300 prophecies provided by Almighty God, over a span of several hundred years, by various writers.

Genesis 3:15 Genesis 4:2	Seed Of Woman	Matthew 1:18 Galatians 4:4
Psaln 2:7	The Son Of God	Luke 1:32-35
Genesis 3:15	Overcome Serpent	John 16:33 Hebrews 2:14
Gen. 12:1-3 Gen. 17:7; 22:18	Seed Of Abraham	Mt. 1:1-2; Acts 3:25 Gal. 3:16; Lk. 3:34
Genesis 17:19 Genesis 21:12	Seed Of Isaac	Heb. 11:18; Mt. 1:2 Lk. 3:34; Rom. 9:7
Genesis 49:10 Micah 5:2	Seed Of Judah	Heb. 7:14; Rev. 5:5 Matt. 1:2; 2:6
2 Sam. 7:11-14 Psalm 132:11 Jer. 23:5; Isa. 9:7	Seed Of David	Acts 13:22-23 Romans 1:3 Matt. 1:1, 6
Daniel 9:24-27	His Coming / Death	Luke 2:1 John 1:41 John 4:25-26
Isaiah 7:14 Micah 5:3	Born Of A Virgin	Matthew 1:18 Luke 1:26-35; 2:7
Isaiah 7:14	Called Immanuel	Matthew 1:22-23
Micah 5:2	Born In Bethlehem	Matthew 2:1-6 Luke 2:4-6 John 7:42

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Jeremiah 31:15	Children Slaughtered	Matthew 2:16-18
Isaiah 11:3 Malachi 3:1	Forerunner John	Matthew 3:1-3 Luke 1:17
Psalms 14:7 Isaiah 11:2; 61:1	Anointed By Spirit	Matt. 3:16-17 John 3:34 Acts 10:38
Deut. 18:15-18	Prophet Like Moses	Acts 3:20-22 Acts 7:37 John 1:45; 6:14
Isaiah 61:1-3	Sent As A Deliverer	Luke 4:16-21,43
Haggai 2:7-9 Malachi 3:1	Cleanses Temple	Luke 19:45 John 2:13-16
Isaiah 53:2	His Poverty	Luke 4:1 Mark 6:3 Luke 9:58 6-21,43
Isaiah 42:1-2	Meek	Philippians 2:7-9
Isaiah 40:11; 42:3	Compassionate	Matthew 12:15-20 Hebrews 4:15
Isaiah 53:9	Without Guile	1 Peter 2:22
Psalms 78:2	Teach By Parables	Matthew 13:34-35
Isaiah 35:5-6	Wrought Miracles	Luke 7:18-23
Psalms 69:8 Isaiah 53:3	Rejected By Brethren	John 1:11 John 7:5

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Psalm 69:4 Isaiah 49:7	Hated By The Jews	John 15:24-25
Psalm 118:22	Rejected By Rulers	John 7:48 Matthew 21:42
Isaiah 8:14	Stone Of Stumbling	Romans 9:32 1 Peter 2:8
Psalm 41:9 Psalm 55:12-14 Zech. 11:12-13	Betrayed By Friend	John 13:18-21 Matt. 26:15 Mark 14:10, 21
Isaiah 53:6 Zechariah 13:7	Forsaken By Disciples	Matt. 26:31-56
Zechariah 11:12	Sold 30 Pieces Silver	Matthew 26:15 Mark 14:10, 21
Zechariah 11:13	Money Potter's Field	Matthew 27:7
Isaiah 53:7	Silent In Suffering	Matthew 26:63 Matthew 27:12-14
Micah 5:1	Smitten On Cheek	Matthew 27:30
Psalm 22:14-15 Isaiah 53:4-6 Daniel 9:26	Intense Suffering	Luke 22:42-44 Romans 4:25 1 Corinthians 15
Psalm 35:15 Isaiah 1:6; 50:6	Scourged / Spit Upon	Mark 14:65 John 19:1
Isaiah 52:14 Isaiah 53:3	Visage Greatly Marred	John 19:1-5
Isaiah 53:4-6 Daniel 9:26	Bear Our Sins Away	Matthew 20:28 Matthew 26:28

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Isaiah 25:10-11 Psalm 22:16	Nailed To Cross	John 19:18 John 20:25
Isaiah 53:12	Among Thieves	Mark 15:28
Psalm 69:21	Gall & Vinegar	Matthew 27:34,48 John 19:29
Psalm 22:7-8; 35:15-21; 109:25 Isaiah 53	Cruelly Mocked	Matthew 27:39-44 Mark 15:29
Isaiah 63:1-3 Psalm 22:1	Suffered Alone	Matthew 27:46
Psalm 22:18	Cast Lots / Garments	Matthew 27:35 John 19:24
Zechariah 12:10	Pierced Him	John 19:34-37
Exodus 12:46 Psalm 34:20	Not A Broken Bone	John 19:33-36
Isaiah 53:9 Psalm 16:9	Buried With Rich	Matthew 27:57-60
Psalm 16:8-10	Flesh No Corruption	Acts 2:31
Psalm 16:8-10 Psalm 30:3 Hosea 6:2	Rose On Third Day	Matt. 27:63; 28:6 Luke 24:6, 31, 34 Acts 2:27-31
Psalm 68:18 Psalm 110:1	Ascended To Heaven	Luke 24:51 Acts 1:9; Hebrews 1:3
Isaiah 2:1-3 Micah 4:12	Word From Jerusalem	Luke 24:46-49 Acts 2:1-40

Certainly it is impressive to merely read these fifty prophecies and note the Scripture confirming their fulfillment, yet this is not even 20% of the entire number of prophecies found in the inspired Scripture!

OBVIOUS CONCLUSIONS

Only God! If only two or three prophecies had been made about Christ years before He came to earth, that would be impressive. If a dozen detailed and specific prophecies were offered concerning what would happen to Him while on Earth, that would demand the conclusion that God made it possible. To have fifty different and specific occurrences provided long before He left heaven is almost beyond belief. But to have OVER 300 specific (often to the minute detail) prophecies, provided over a span of several hundred years by various writers, demands (beyond doubt) that ONLY the ALMIGHTY, all-powerful, everywhere-present, all-knowing JEHOVAH GOD could bring this to fruition.

God Said It—It Was Done! As in the creation of the world, what Almighty God declares will be done! As God directed the prophets of old to foretell things which would occur, it was done!

Can You Fathom God's Love, Mercy and Grace that would bring salvation to sinful man? Titus 2:11-12 speaks of this precious privilege:

For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world.

Man is not deserving, nor can he ever merit salvation, but as Paul stated,

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But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. (Rom. 5:8-10)

Truly our faith is fortified when we examine the insurmountable evidence that He fulfilled not just some of these prophecies, but He fulfilled every single one. As our Lord stated, as recorded in Luke’s gospel record,

And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that **all things must be fulfilled, which were written** in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. (Luke 24:44, emp. added)

O what a Savior!

LESSONS LEARNED

1. God is in control and has provided redemption for the obedient.
2. God’s plan to redeem man existed before the world began.
3. Jehovah is a precise, exact, faithful Father.
4. Jesus Christ, our Savior, is the **ONLY** way to be saved.
5. Evidence demands complete faith and trust in God for our salvation.

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