

# Jesus Christ and His Fulfilment of Ancient Prophecies

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“All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet...” (Matthew 21:4)

There are many different religious teachers and leaders who have been influential in human society over the last several thousand years. Some claimed to have an exclusive ownership of the truth; others simply claimed to be amongst those who shared the truth. Examples of particularly influential teachers include Moses (Judaism), Buddha (Buddhism), Mohamed (Islam), Mary Baker-Eddie (Christian Science), Joseph Smith (Mormonism) and Charles Taze Russell (Jehovah’s Witnesses). All of these teachers claimed to have the truth, and claimed to be a messenger from God. However, because all these people differ in their teachings, they cannot all be right. The problem is to make an informed and logical decision concerning which of these teachers, if any, was right.

Jesus of Nazareth was a teacher of religion, and yet He claimed to be much more than that. Jesus claimed to be the Christ (Messiah, or anointed one) and King for whom the Jews had been waiting for thousands of years. He claimed that He came to this world in fulfilment of ancient prophecies recorded in the Jewish Scriptures centuries before His birth. If this were indeed true, then Jesus’ claims to be the Son of God and the Saviour of the world are established beyond question. It is impossible that so many detailed predictions about Jesus could be fulfilled centuries after they were made, if the Bible were just a man-made religious book, or an elaborate hoax. If Jesus Christ really did fulfil these ancient prophecies, then the Bible is the very Word of God, and Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and the Saviour of the world. If He did not fulfil these prophecies, then the Bible is just another book, and Jesus was just another religious teacher.

The purpose of this booklet is to prove that Jesus of Nazareth did indeed fulfil the ancient Jewish prophecies made centuries before His birth. This will establish beyond doubt that the Bible is inspired by God, and that Jesus Christ is the only way to God and to Heaven. I hope that you will examine these prophecies and their fulfilment with an open heart and mind, and that you will come to receive Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour.

## Ancient Jewish Prophecies Fulfilled by Jesus Christ:

<b>Old Testament Reference</b>	<b>Prediction</b>	<b>New Testament Fulfilment</b>
Numbers 24:17 “I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth.”	Christ would descend from Jacob.	Luke 3:34 “Which was the son of Jacob, which was the son of Isaac, which was the son of Abraham, which was the son of Thara, which was the son of Nachor,”
Genesis 49:10 “The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.”	Christ would descend from the tribe of Judah.	Luke 3:3 “And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins;”
Micah 5:2 “But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.”	Christ’s place of birth.	Matthew 2:1 “Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,”
Daniel 9:25 “Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street	Christ would offer Himself as Prince to Jerusalem exactly 173,880 days after Artaxerxes’ decree to rebuild Jerusalem. (69 x 7 years x 360 days = 173,880 days = 483 years in the Jewish	Luke 19:37, 38 “And when he was come nigh, even now at the descent of the mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that

shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.	calendar. From March 5, 444 BC, to March 30, 33 AD, is exactly 483 Jewish years)	they had seen; Saying, Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest.”
Isaiah 7:14 “Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”	Christ would be born of a virgin.	Matthew 1:18 “Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.”
Jeremiah 31:15 “Thus saith the LORD; A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping; Rahel weeping for her children refused to be comforted for her children, because they were not.”	Christ’s birth would be followed by a massacre of infants.	Matthew 2:16 “Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently inquired of the wise men.”
Hosea 11:1 “When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt.”	Christ would flee into Egypt.	Matthew 2:14 “When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt:”
Isaiah 9:1, 2 “Nevertheless the dimness shall not be such as was in her vexation, when at the first he lightly afflicted the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, and afterward did more grievously afflict her by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, in Galilee of the nations. The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.”	Christ would have a ministry in the town of Galilee.	Matthew 4:12-16 “Now when Jesus had heard that John was cast into prison, he departed into Galilee; And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles; The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.”
Isaiah 53:3 “He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.”	Christ would be rejected by the Jews.	John 1:11 “He came unto his own, and his own received him not.
Zechariah 9:9 “Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.”	Christ would enter Jerusalem triumphantly on the back of a young donkey.	John 12:13, 14 “Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord. And Jesus, when he had found a young ass, sat thereon; as it is written,”
Psalms 41:9 “Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me.”	Christ’s betrayal by a friend.	Mark 14:10 “And Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went unto the chief priests, to betray him unto them.”
Zechariah 11:12 “And I said unto them, If ye think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver.”	Christ would be sold for 30 pieces of silver.	Matthew 26:15 “And said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver.”
Zechariah 11:13 “And the LORD	The silver would be returned for a	Matthew 27:6, 7 “And the chief

<p>said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prised at of them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the LORD.”</p>	<p>potter’s field.</p>	<p>priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood. And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter’s field, to bury strangers in.”</p>
<p>Isaiah 53:7 “He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.”</p>	<p>Christ would be silent when accused.</p>	<p>Matthew 26:62, 63 “And the high priest arose, and said unto him, Answerest thou nothing? what is it which these witness against thee? But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God.”</p>
<p>Isaiah 50:6 “I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting.”</p>	<p>Christ would be smitten and spat upon.</p>	<p>Mark 14:65 “And some began to spit on him, and to cover his face, and to buffet him, and to say unto him, Prophecy: and the servants did strike him with the palms of their hands.”</p>
<p>Psalm 69:4 “They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of mine head: they that would destroy me, being mine enemies wrongfully, are mighty: then I restored that which I took not away.”</p>	<p>Christ would be hated without a cause.</p>	<p>John 15:23-25 “He that hateth me hateth my Father also. If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father. But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause.”</p>
<p>Isaiah 53:4, 5 “Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.”</p>	<p>Christ would suffer in the place of His people.</p>	<p>Matthew 8:16, 17 “When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.”</p>
<p>Isaiah 53:12 “Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.”</p>	<p>Christ would be crucified with sinners.</p>	<p>Matthew 27:38 “Then were there two thieves crucified with him, one on the right hand, and another on the left.”</p>
<p>Psalm 22:16 “For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have enclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet.”</p>	<p>Christ’s hands and feet would be pierced.</p>	<p>John 20:27 “Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.”</p>
<p>Psalm 22:6-8 “ But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people. All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying, He trusted on the LORD that</p>	<p>Christ would be mocked and insulted.</p>	<p>Matthew 27:39, 40 “And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads, And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from</p>

he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him.”		the cross.”
Psalm 69:21 “They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.”	Christ would be given gall and vinegar to drink.	John 19:29 “Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth.”
Zechariah 12:10 “And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.”	Christ’s side would be pierced.	John 19:34 “But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.”
Psalm 22:18 “They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.”	Soldiers would cast lots for Christ’s clothes.	Mark 15:24 “And when they had crucified him, they parted his garments, casting lots upon them, what every man should take.”
Psalm 34:20 “He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.”	None of Christ’s bones would be broken.	John 19:33 “But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs:”
Isaiah 53:9 “And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.”	Christ would be buried with the rich.	Matthew 27:57-60 “When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus’ disciple: He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered. And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed.”
Psalm 16:10 “For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.”	Christ would resurrect from the dead.	Matthew 28:5-7 “And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you.”
Psalm 68:18 “Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts for men; yea, for the rebellious also, that the LORD God might dwell among them.”	Christ would ascend into heaven.	Luke 24:50, 51 “And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.”

## What is the Message of the Bible?

If you are convinced that Jesus Christ fulfilled all these prophecies, then you must agree that the Bible is the inspired Word of God. You must believe that Jesus is the son of God and the Saviour of all mankind. If so, then you might ask the question, "Why did the Son of God come to earth and die on the cross." Let me explain:

### **1. All of mankind have sinned against God, and are guilty before Him.**

Romans 3:10 "As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:"

Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;"

### **2. The punishment for our sin is separation from God in eternal Hell.**

Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Revelation 20:14 "And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death."

### **3. Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, died for our sins on the cross, and rose bodily from the grave so that we might be saved from Hell and go to Heaven forever.**

Romans 5:8 "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

1 Peter 3:18 "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, ..."

### **4. Religion, good works, baptism, confirmation, nor any other act of man, can save us from Hell. We must put our faith in Christ alone to save us, and call upon His name for forgiveness and salvation.**

Romans 10:9,13 "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Ephesians 2:8,9 "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."

\*\* If you will trust Jesus Christ to save you from Hell and call on Him today, you can be sure that God is your Father, and Heaven is your eternal home. Won't you trust Him today, before it's too late? Say this prayer and mean it with all of your heart:

*"Dear Jesus, I know I am a guilty sinner, and I know I deserve to go to Hell for my sins. I trust you now as my personal Saviour, and call upon you to save me from Hell and take me to Heaven. Amen."*

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