

Lesson 5 – A Prophesied Life

1) How can an intelligent person living in the 21st century believe in Jesus?

ANSWER: There are many who propagate the Christian Faith and base their beliefs on blind tradition. Others are on the lunatic fringe, who scream and yell while preaching sermons, and turn many people off by their ranting. Is there credible evidence out there that is sufficient to sustain the faith of the modern day seeker? The fact is that the Bible accurately predicted the life of Jesus Christ hundreds of years in advance. In this study we will only look at a few of the compelling prophecies that testify of the uniqueness of Jesus Christ on the landscape of history. The facts speak for themselves.

2) Where was Jesus born?

PROPHECY: Micah 5:2 “But thou, _____ 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.”

FULFILLMENT: Luke 2:1-7 “And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

(*And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.*)

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called _____; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.”

3) What miraculous occurrence took place surrounding the birth of Jesus?

PROPHECY: Isaiah 7:14 “Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a _____ shall _____, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”

FULFILLMENT: Matthew 1:23 “Behold a _____, shall be with child, and shall _____ forth a son, and they shall call his name _____, which being interpreted is, _____.”

4) Of which lineage did Jesus belong?

PROPHECY: Genesis 49:8-10 “_____, thou *art he* whom thy brethren shall praise: thy hand *shall be* in the neck of thine enemies; thy father' children shall bow down before thee.

_____ *is* a lion' whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up?

The _____ shall not depart from _____, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until

Shiloh come; and unto him *shall* the gathering of the people *be* .”

FULFILLMENT: Luke 1:30-32 “And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.

And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the _____ of his father _____:”

- 5) What word does the Bible use to describe that Jesus would come out of the tribe of Judah?

PROPHECY: Numbers 24:17 “I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a ____ 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.”

FULFILLMENT: Matthew 2:1-2 “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, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his ____ in the east, and are come to worship him.”

- 6) How was the ministry of Jesus predicted and how was it fulfilled?

PROPHECY: Isaiah 61:1-3 “The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to ____ good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to ____ up the brokenhearted, to _____ liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *them that are* bound;

To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.”

FULFILLMENT: Luke 4:16-21 “And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the ____ where it was written,

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to ____ the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to ____ the brokenhearted, to _____ deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at _____ them that are bruised,

To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.

And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture _____ in your ears.”

- 7) How did the Bible predict the betrayal of Jesus?

PROPHECY: Psalm 55:12-13 “For *it was* ____ an _____ *that* reproached me; then I could have borne *it* : _____ *was it* he that _____ *me that* did magnify *himself* against me;

then I would have hid myself from him:

But *it was* thou, a man mine equal, my guide, and mine _____.”

FULFILLMENT: Matthew 26:47-50 “And while he yet spake, lo, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people.

Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he: hold him fast.

And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, Hail, master; and kissed him.

And Jesus said unto him, _____, wherefore art thou come? Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took him.”

8) What did the Bible predict in regards to what Jesus was betrayed for?

PROPHECY: Zechariah 11:12-13 “And I said unto them, If ye think good, give *me* my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price _____ of _____.

And the LORD said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prized at of them. And I took the _____ of _____, and cast them to the potter in the house of the LORD.”

FULFILLMENT: Matthew 27:3-9 “Then Judas, which had betrayeth him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the _____ of _____ to the chief priests and elders,

Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What *is that* to us? see thou *to that*.

And he cast down the _____ of _____ in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself.

And the chief priests took the _____ 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.

Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day.

Then was _____ that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, And they took the _____ of _____, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value;”

9) How did the Bible predict the attitude of Jesus when He was being led to His death?

PROPHECY: Isaiah 53:4-7 “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.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a _____ to the _____, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he _____ his _____.”

FULFILLMENT: John 1:29 “The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the _____ of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.”

FULFILLMENT: Acts 8:32-35 “The _____ of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a _____ to the _____; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so _____ he not his _____:

In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth.

And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man?

Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the _____ scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.”

10) How did the Bible predict the manner of the death of Jesus?

PROPHECY: Psalm 22:16 “For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they _____ my _____ and my _____.”

FULFILLMENT: Luke 23:33 “And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they _____ him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.”

NOTE: This prophecy is very significant because when David wrote this Psalm death by crucifixion was unheard of. Crucifixion originated with the Roman Empire, and at this time of the writing of this Psalm stoning was the usual manner of capital punishment.

11) What did the Bible predict surrounding the events that immediately followed the death of Jesus on the cross?

PROPHECY: Psalm 22:18 “They _____ my _____ among them, and cast _____ upon my _____.”

FULFILLMENT: Matthew 27:35 “And they crucified him, and _____ his _____, casting _____: that it might be _____ which was spoken by the prophet, They _____ my _____ among them, and upon my _____ did they cast _____.”

12) What did the Bible predict Jesus would say as he died on the cross?

PROPHECY: Psalm 22:1 “My God, my God, why hast thou _____ me? _____ *art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?”*

FULFILLMENT: Matthew 27:46 “And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou _____ me?”

NOTE: Here Jesus was experiencing the full-undiluted wrath of God against sin. Jesus became sin so that you and I can exchange places with Him and experience the peace that only comes with His forgiveness and appropriating the righteousness of Jesus to ourselves by faith. (See 2 Corinthians 5:21, 1 John 1:9)

13) What was significant about the way that Jesus died on the cross?

PROPHECY: Psalm 34:20 “He keepeth all his _____: not _____ of them is _____.”

FULFILLMENT: John 19:36 “For these things were done, that the scripture should be _____, A _____ of him shall not be _____.”

NOTE: Another remarkable prophecy regarding Jesus! Here the Jews pressured Pilate to break the legs of those who hung on the cross to hasten their death because a high Sabbath was approaching, and they did not want the bodies to be displayed on the cross during the Sabbath hours. (See John 19:31) As the soldiers arrived at the place of execution they first broke the legs of the two thieves that surrounded Jesus, but when they looked at Jesus they saw that He had already died. Therefore there was no need of them to break His legs. This whole scenario was predicted hundreds of years in advance.

14) Where did the Bible predict that Jesus would be buried?

PROPHECY: Isaiah 53:9 “And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the _____ in his _____; because he had done no violence, neither *was any* deceit in his mouth.”

FULFILLMENT: Matthew 27:57-60 “When the even was come, there came a _____ 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 _____, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed.”

NOTE: It is amazing that Jesus never owned a home, and never wrote a book. Yet His life testified of such a majesty and nobility of character that it moved a rich man to give up his own new tomb. Jesus was different.

15) How long would Jesus be imprisoned by the cold, dark, shadows of death?

PROPHECY: Psalm 16:10 “For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell(original language); neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see _____.”

FULFILLMENT: Matthew 28:2-7 “And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow:

And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead *men*.

And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

_____ : for he is _____, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is _____ from the _____; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you.”

NOTE: The four most powerful words in the English language: “He is not here.” This sets apart Jesus from every other prophet, teacher or philosopher. They are all still entombed. But,

the tomb of Jesus is empty! Jesus is the only one who has ever conquered death. He is the only one who has been victorious over its vice-like grip on humanity. Therefore, Jesus is worthy of our worship and allegiance. He has created us, He has redeemed us, and He destroyed the power of sin and death that has kept the human family in bondage. He is the only one that is worthy of our worship. An intelligent appreciation of what He has done for us should cause us to say with the angel: "...Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing." (Revelation 5:12)

16) In the light of these facts of history, what should be the Christian's basis for an intelligent faith in the 21st Century?

2 Peter 1:19 "We have also a _____ word of _____; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:"

NOTE: When feelings of doubt threaten to overwhelm us, when we get discouraged as we press on up the pilgrim pathway, when we know and experience the one behind the prophecies, Jesus Christ, then will our faith will be strengthened and confirmed.

IS IT YOUR DESIRE...

To take God at His word concerning the life of Jesus Christ? Yes or No