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# *Is the OT Right or Wrong about Jesus?*

Prophecy about Jesus

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity – 2012

Sunday, July 1 → 8:00 & 10:45 ♦ Monday, July 2 → 7:00

**Introduction:** Dear friends in Christ, last week we focused on prophecy in general; we discovered that *only God can predict the future!* Today, *going a step further*, → what does the OT say about Jesus AND → have such things actually come true?

## **8 OT Prophecies and NT Fulfillments about Jesus:**

### 1. Jesus would be born in Bethlehem:

- a. Prophecy: <sup>ESV</sup> **Micah 5:2** “But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, ...from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old...” Jesus, who did come forth in Bethlehem, is also *the Son of God from eternity!*
- b. Fulfillment: <sup>ESV</sup> **Matthew 2:1** ...Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea... *Just as God had promised!*

### 2. Jesus would work miracles:

- a. Prophecy: <sup>ESV</sup> **Isaiah 35:5** Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup> then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.
- b. Fulfillment: <sup>ESV</sup> **Matthew 11:4** [Jesus said:] “Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup> the blind receive

their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up...

### 3. Jesus would be nailed to His cross:

- a. Prophecy: <sup>ESV</sup> **Psalm 22:16** ...they have pierced my hands and feet...
- b. Fulfillment: <sup>ESV</sup> **John 19:18** There they crucified him...  
*That means they pierced His hands and His feet!*

### 4. Jesus would intercede for His murderers:

- a. Prophecy: <sup>ESV</sup> **Isaiah 53:12** ...he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.
- b. Fulfillment: <sup>ESV</sup> **Luke 23:34** ...Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

### 5. Jesus would be mocked:

- a. Prophecy: <sup>ESV</sup> **Psalm 22:7** All who see me mock me; ...they wag [*shake*] their heads; <sup>8</sup> "He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"
- b. Fulfillment: <sup>ESV</sup> **Matthew 27:39** ...those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads <sup>40</sup> and saying, "...If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." <sup>41</sup> So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, <sup>42</sup> "...let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. <sup>43</sup> He trusts in God; let God deliver him now..."  
<sup>44</sup> And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

### 6. Jesus would suffer for others:

- a. Prophecy: <sup>ESV</sup> **Isaiah 53:4** Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows... <sup>5</sup> ...he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities... <sup>6</sup> ...and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. The "all" includes you and me!

- b. Fulfillment: <sup>ESV</sup> **Matthew 20:28** “...the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” *Jesus in exchange for us!*

## 7. Jesus would be forsaken by God:

- a. Prophecy: <sup>ESV</sup> **Psalms 22:1** “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”
- b. Fulfillment: <sup>ESV</sup> **Matthew 27:46** ...Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying... “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” *Our sin was the cause!*

## 8. Jesus would be raised to life:

- a. Prophecy: <sup>ESV</sup> **Psalms 16:10** “...you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.”
- b. Fulfillment: <sup>ESV</sup> **Luke 24:6** “He is not here, but has risen....” <sup>34</sup> ...”The Lord has risen indeed...”

## Sit Up and Take Notice:

1. One person fulfilling eight prophecies is extraordinary – “A mathematician, Peter Stoner, had his graduate students calculate what the odds would be of any one person fulfilling just eight...prophecies. He found the chance was one in 100,000,000,000,000,000!”<sup>1</sup> That is: *100 quadrillion or 100 followed by 15 zeros!*
2. Jesus fulfilling over 300 prophecies is off the charts – *Did those prophecies come true? Yes! Not only eight, but Jesus actually fulfilled over 330 prophecies during His lifetime!*

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<sup>1</sup> <http://answers.yahoo.com/question/index?qid=20080222225513AACUm3l>

## Important Conclusions:

1. The Bible is God's Word – *Why should we say that with confidence?* Because God, **who knows the end from the beginning** (Isaiah 46:10), has specifically and accurately predicted the future over 2,000 times – *as recorded in the Bible!*
2. We are sinners – We know it – *not by feelings, nor by majority rule, but* – by God's Word, the Bible!  
Therefore, we know it is sin to:
  - a. ☹ Put anything before God.
  - b. ☹ To trust in anything we have done for our salvation.
  - c. ☹ To fail to do what God says is good; for example, ♦to mediate on His Word, ♦to love our neighbor.
  - d. ☹ To practice what God says is evil; for example, the various sexual sins of ♦lust, ♦fornication, ♦adultery, and ♦homosexuality.
3. Jesus is God's Son, our Savior – He was promised, He came, He lived, He died, He rose, He ascended, and He will return! ***Through Him we are forgiven, saved, redeemed!***

**Conclusion:** So is the OT right or wrong about Jesus? It is right; therefore, *by God's grace and power*, let us ♦rely on the Bible as true, ♦trust in Jesus as our Savior, and ♦tell others what He has done! And all God's people said: *Amen!*