

**GREAT QUESTIONS ABOUT CHRIST**  
**“DID CHRIST FULFILL PROPHECY?”**

**LUKE 24:27**

ONE REMARKABLE THING ABOUT CHRISTIANITY IS THAT IT PRESENTS ALL KINDS OF EVIDENCE TO SUIT ALL KINDS OF INQUIRIES. ANY KIND OF EVIDENCE THAT A REASONABLE MIND COULD ASK FOR, CHRISTIANITY PRESENTS. THE LORD HAS MADE THE WAY OF UNBELIEF THE MOST DIFFICULT OF ALL ROADS TO TRAVEL. THIS MORNING WE WILL CONSIDER JUST ONE OF THE PROOFS OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION, THE FULFILLMENT BY JESUS CHRIST OF THE ANCIENT PROPHECIES. IN FACT, IT IS THE ARGUMENT OF CHRIST ABOUT HIMSELF.

**THE PROOF OF PROPHECY**

DID CHRIST, IN HIS LIFE AND DEATH, AND IN THE INFLUENCES WHICH FLOW FROM HIS MINISTRY, FULFILL THE PROPHECIES MADE IN THE OLD TESTAMENT? IF HE DID, THEN HE MUST BE THE SON OF GOD AND THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD.

WAS JESUS REALLY THE MESSIAH SPOKEN OF IN THE OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECIES? WAS HE REALLY “THE CHRIST?” THE SAMARITAN WOMAN AT THE WELL, AFTER JESUS HAD TALKED WITH HER AND HAD SEARCHED THE CHAMBERS OF HER HEART WITH HIS TRUTH, SAID TO HER NEIGHBORS: “COME, SEE A MAN WHICH TOLD ME ALL THINGS THAT EVER I DID; IS NOT THIS THE CHRIST?” AND ANDREW TO HIS BROTHER PETER, “WE HAVE FOUND THE MESSIAH.” UPON THE CORRECTNESS OF THOSE OPINIONS THAT JESUS WAS THE CHRIST, CHRISTIANITY STANDS OR FALLS.

THE OLD TESTAMENT AND THE NEW TESTAMENT CANNOT BE SEPARATED, FOR THE PROPHECIES OF THE OLD TESTAMENT SPEAK OF THE JESUS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT. EITHER JESUS FULFILLED ALL THE CLAIMS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECIES, OR HE WAS A BAD MAN FOR CLAIMING TO BE THE CHRIST.

THE DISCIPLES BELIEVED HIM TO BE THE MESSIAH, THE CHRIST. THE JEWS PUT HIM TO DEATH BECAUSE HE CLAIMED TO BE THE CHRIST. THE DISCIPLES PREACHED THE GOSPEL BECAUSE THEY BELIEVED HIM TO BE THE CHRIST, AND THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN VERY FAMILIAR WITH WHETHER OR NOT HE FULFILLED OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY.

**PROPHECY FULFILLED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT**

OVER AND OVER AGAIN, THE GOSPELS, PARTICULARLY THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW, TELLS US THAT THIS OR THAT FACT IN THE LIFE OF JESUS WAS IN FULFILLMENT OF PROPHECY---“THAT THE SCRIPTURES MIGHT BE FULFILLED”. NOT ONLY DID THE DISCIPLES BELIEVE THIS ABOUT HIM, BUT HE SPOKE OF HIMSELF BEING THE FULFILLMENT OF SCRIPTURE: “SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES FOR THESE ARE THEY WHICH TESTIFY OF ME”; “MOSES WROTE OF ME”; “THE SON OF MAN GOETH AS IT WAS WRITTEN OF HIM.” HE EVEN TOLD THE HIGH PRIEST AT HIS TRIAL THAT HE WAS THE CHRIST. EVEN PETER, IN HIS GREAT SERMON ON PENTECOST, SAID, “TO HIM, ALL PROPHETS BEAR WITNESS.”

**WHO WAS PREDICTED?**

NO ONE WHO READS THE OLD TESTAMENT CAN DOUBT THAT ALL OF THESE PROPHECIES SPEAK OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO WILL COME IN THE FUTURE. THE QUESTION IS: WHO IS IT THAT IS DESCRIBED? HAS HE ALREADY APPEARED IN THE WORLD’S HISTORY OR IS HE YET TO COME? ALL OF THE EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT POINT TO JESUS OF NAZARETH. NO ONE READING THE NEW TESTAMENT COULD MISS THAT CLAIM. IN NO OTHER PERSON WHO LIVED BEFORE JESUS OR AFTER HIM CAN IT BE SAID THAT ALL OF THESE PROPHECIES WERE FULFILLED. SO, WE ARE LEFT TO ONE OF TWO CONCLUSIONS: EITHER THE PROPHECIES HAVE NOT YET BEEN FULFILLED, OR CHRIST FULFILLED THEM.

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WHAT DOES ALL OF THIS MEAN? TO THOSE OF US WHO ARE ALREADY CHRISTIANS, IT MEANS THAT OUR FAITH STANDS ON IMPREGNABLE GROUNDS. IT MEANS THAT OUR ETERNAL LIFE AND OUR LIFE HERE ON THIS EARTH CAN BE ENTRUSTED TO THE ONE WHO IS THE CHRIST, THE ETERNAL SON OF GOD. TO THOSE WHO MAY NOT BE A CHRISTIAN, IT MEANS THAT UNBELIEF IS SIN, AND IT IS DANGEROUS TO YOUR SOUL TO DENY HIM A PLACE IN YOUR HEART.