

Amazing Prophecies Concerning the Messiah

1. The Old Testament Scriptures speak about Christ:
 - a. John 5:39 – Jesus boldly affirmed that the Scriptures talk about him!
 - i. Would you have the courage to make such statement?
 - b. Luke 24:44, 45 – The 5 books of Moses, the Old Testament prophets, and the Psalms prophesied about the Messiah.
 - c. Luke 24:46, 47 – When Jesus opens our understanding of the Scriptures we are able to see the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus from the Old Testament Scriptures, including his forgiving grace.
2. Understanding who Christ is from Scriptures leads us to worship Jesus continually.
 - a. Luke 24:52, 53 – Holy joy springs from the heart of those who understand who Jesus is as presented in the Scriptures.
 - b. That's what we want in this weekend. We want our understanding to be opened so we can have an experiential knowledge of Jesus.
 - c. John 17:3 – Life eternal is knowing who Jesus is.
3. Do you know who Jesus is?
 - a. Matthew 7:21-24 – Before we hastily conclude that we know who Jesus is, let's search the Scriptures, because according to Jesus many profess to believe in Him, but they do not know him.
 - b. Let's begin with today with some of the **“Amazing Prophecies Concerning the Messiah.”**
4. The Messiah's birth:
 - a. Micah 5:2 – 800 years before the prophet Micah predicted the place of the Messiah's birth—the city of Bethlehem.
 - i. Matthew 2:3-5 – In the days of Herod the scribes and priests quoted Micah as the place of the Messiah's birth.
 - ii. Prophecy played a major role for the wise men from the east to find the Messiah.

- iii. This Prophecy also points to the everlasting pre-existence of Jesus—divine attribute.
 - b. Isaiah 9:6 – God would come as a human being.
 - i. John 1:1, 14 – God became flesh and dwelt among men.
 - c. Genesis 3:15 – Jesus is the Seed of a woman, not the seed of man because Mary was conceived of the Holy Spirit.
 - d. Isaiah 7:14 – A virgin would give birth to Emanuel.
 - i. Matthew 1:18, 22, 23 – This prophecy was fulfilled in the life of Mary.
5. The nature of the Messiah’s ministry was predicted:
- a. Isaiah 40:3, 5 – Jesus’ ministry would be preceded by a voice calling in the desert.
 - i. Matthew 3:1, 3, 11 – This prophecy was fulfilled through the ministry of John the Baptist.
 - b. Isaiah 9:1, 2 – Isaiah prophesied that the Messiah would spend a significant portion of His ministry in Galilee.
 - c. Isaiah 61:1, 2 – The Messiah would be anointed to preach and teach the gospel, heal physically and emotionally, and set people free from the power of Satan.
 - i. Psalms 45:7 – David prophesied that God the Father would anoint the Messiah.
 - Acts 10:38 – Jesus was anointed by Father with the Holy Spirit.
 - Luke 3:21, 22 – The anointing of Jesus with the Holy Spirit occurred at His baptism.
 - ii. Luke 4:17-19, 21 – Jesus applies Isaiah’s prophecy to His own ministry.
 - This was a high claim because now he would have to perform the things that the book of Isaiah talk about—preach the gospel, heal, give liberty to the captives and are oppressed, and recover sight to the blind.
 - iii. John 8:34, 36 – Jesus indeed set people free from the oppression and slavery of sin.
 - d. Zechariah 9:9 – Approximately 550 years Zechariah prophesied that the Messiah would enter Jerusalem riding a donkey.
 - i. Matthew 21:1-11 – This prophecy was fulfilled when Jesus rode on a donkey in his triumphal entry in Jerusalem.
 - e. Zechariah 12:10 – The same prophet predicted that the Messiah would be pierced and the inhabitants of Jerusalem would be responsible for that—they were the ones who cried out to Pilate “Crucify Him.” (See Matthew 27:22; Acts 2:36-38.)

6. The Passover Feast prefigured the life and death of Jesus:
 - a. Exodus 12:5 – Your lamb shall be without blemish.
 - b. Exodus 12:13 – The blood of the lamb saved the people from God’s wrath.
 - c. Exodus 12:46 – Not a bone of the lamb to be broken.
 - d. John 1:29 – John the Baptist identifies Jesus as the Lamb of God years before Jesus’ death.
 - e. 1 Peter 1:19 – Peter, a Jewish person, recognized that Jesus was the fulfillment of the Passover Lamb.

7. Jesus is calling everyone to accept His sacrifice and grace.
 - a. Zechariah 13:6 – He will be proud of His repentant children through out all eternity.