

Jesus Christ: The Greatest Prophet
Building the Core
Deuteronomy 18:15-18, Acts 3:22-26
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There were three major offices among the people of Israel in the Old Testament: the prophet, the priest, and the king. These three offices were distinct. The prophet spoke God's words to the people, the priest offered sacrifices, prayers, and praises to God on behalf of the people, and the king ruled over the people as God's representative. These three offices foreshadowed Christ's own work in different ways. Therefore we can look again at Christ's work. Now think about the perspective of these three offices or categories. Christ fulfills these three offices in the following ways: as prophet he reveals God to us and speaks God's words to us, as priest he both offers a sacrifice that is offered, and as king he rules over the church and the universe as well. Wayne Grudem p.624

Jesus is the greatest prophet because he is the one about whom the prophecies were made. Grudem p.625

Big Idea: Jesus Christ is the content, fulfillment and revealer of God's will.

Deuteronomy 18:15 The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own brothers. You must listen to him. 16 For this is what you asked of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, "Let us not hear the voice of the LORD our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die." 17 The LORD said to me: "What they say is good.

18 I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers; I will put my words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I command him.

What is a prophet? A prophet is raised up by God, is able to hear God, speaks what he has heard from God, is always true in what he says. Rick Shepherd

Jesus Christ is the greatest Prophet because

- I. Jesus is the _____ of many prophecies.

The Old Testament contains over 300 references to the Messiah that were fulfilled in Jesus.

Deuteronomy 18:18 I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers; I will put my words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I command him. (See Matthew 21:11).

John 5:46 If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me.

Deuteronomy 34:10 Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face,

- Jesus coming from the tribe of _____ was prophesied.

Genesis 49:10 The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he comes to whom it belongs and the obedience of the nations is his.

Luke 3:33 the son of Amminadab, the son of Ram, the son of Hezron, the son of Perez, the son of Judah,

- The Messiah being born in the town of _____ was prophesied.

Micah 5:2 "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."

John 7:42 Does not the Scripture say that the Christ will come from David's family and from Bethlehem, the town where David lived?"

Our Response: Spend some time truly reflecting on the miracle of Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection. Genesis 3:15 & Galatians 4:4; Isaiah 7:14 & Matthew 1:23; Isaiah 53:12 & Matthew 27:38. Psalm 22:1, Matthew 27:46; Psalm 16:8-10... His Resurrection.

II. Jesus Christ is the _____ of these prophecies.

Romans 1:3 regarding his Son, who as to his human nature was a descendant of David, 4 and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.

John 7:40 On hearing his words, some of the people said, "Surely this man is the Prophet."

Luke 24:25 He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

Luke 24:45 Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. 46 He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day,

Acts 17:3 explaining and proving that the Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead. "This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Christ," he said.

Matthew 13:17 For I tell you the truth, many prophets and righteous men longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.

Our Response: Ask the Lord to open your mind as to how Jesus fulfilled these prophecies. Recognize that only the Son of God could accomplish these things.

III. Jesus Christ _____ how we should live.

Acts 3:22 For Moses said, 'The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you must *listen* to everything he tells you. 23 Anyone who does not listen to him will be completely cut off from among his people.' 24 "Indeed, all the prophets from Samuel on, as many as have spoken, have foretold these days. 25 And you are heirs of the prophets and of the covenant God made with your fathers. He said to Abraham, 'Through your offspring all peoples on earth will be blessed.' 26 When God raised up his servant, he sent him first to you to bless you by *turning* each of you from your wicked ways." (Deut.18:18, Isaiah 50:4, John 12:49-50)

Revelation 22:9 But he said to me, "Do not do it! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers the prophets and of all who *keep* the words of this book. *Worship* God!"

Our Response: The goal of Jesus Christ the Prophet, the One sent by the Father, is to bring us to worship and obey Him in spirit and truth.