

# Disciple's Quest

*If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine.*

John 8:31



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Matthew 1 – 2

The Birth of Jesus Fulfills Prophecy

## Main Idea:

Matthew utilizes five Old Testament Messianic Prophecies that find their fulfillment in the birth of Jesus to prove that He is the Son of God and the only Savior of sinful people.

## Outline:

1. The Genealogy
  
2. The Bethlehem Prophecy
  
3. Two prophecies of type:
  - Called out of Egypt
  
  - The inconsolable sorrow of Bethlehem's mothers
  
4. The Nazarene Prophecy

## Questions for further contemplation and application after the message:

#1 In the message, Pastor Vaughn said that the Jews of Jesus generation had, in the Scriptures, every reason to recognize Him and believe. Sadly, however, for the most part they rejected Jesus.

Why?

#2 Can misplaced priorities and expectations about salvation keep people from truly believing today?

How can we help those with whom we share the gospel to have the right understanding and expectations?

#3 According to the message, how did Jesus' lowly birth foreshadow His mission of redemption?

#4 Can a good understanding of the prophecies fulfilled in Jesus' birth help us to share the gospel more effectively?

#5 How can an informed understanding of biblical prophecy inspire our worship?

### Select helpful resources:

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