

Why We Believe the Bible Sermon Series | Part 5

The Fulfillment of Prophecies

Luke 24:25-27

- Scripture is the only book that answers life's most fundamental questions in a way that corresponds to the reality around us. It accurately explains the origin and nature of the universe.
- The Bible is the inspired Word of God, originating in the mind of God and communicated to human beings. Inspiration is God's miraculous work by which His Word was conveyed through the realities of human language.
- The Bible is not a myth. While addressing questions of life's meaning and the salvation of the soul, it is written as a historical document, fully consistent with the geographical and historical realities of its time.
- People do not reject the Bible because there is insufficient evidence for its reliability. Rather, they reject it because of spiritual blindness, which is a result of men's autonomy, their claim to be independent of God.

Is. 45:21 Declare and present your case; let them take counsel together! Who told this long ago? Who declared it of old? Was it not I, the LORD? And there is no other god besides me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none besides me.

Is. 46:9-10 For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose.'

Luke 24:25-27 And he said to them, 'O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?' And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

- **The Seed of the Woman**

Gen. 3:15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.

Luke 1:30-32 And the angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David.'

Gal. 4:4-5 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

- **A Descendant of Abraham**

Gen. 22:17-18 I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, and **in your offspring** shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.

Gal. 3:16 Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, 'And to offsprings,' referring to many, but referring to one, 'And to your offspring,' who is Christ.

- **From the Tribe of Judah**

Gen. 49:10 The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.

Luke 3:23-34 Jesus, when he began his ministry, was about thirty years of age, being the son (as was supposed) of Joseph ... the son of Amminadab, the son of Admin, the son of Arni, the son of Hezron, the son of Perez, **the son of Judah**, the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham...

- **He Will Rise from the Dead**

Ps. 16:9-10 Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

Acts 2:23-27 This Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. For David says concerning him: 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption.'

Acts 2:28-32 Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.

- **He Will Be Crucified**

Ps. 22:16-18 For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet—I can count all my bones—they stare and gloat over me; they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.

Mat. 27:35-36 And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. Then they sat down and kept watch over him there.

Mat. 27:39-43 And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, 'You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.' So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, "I am the Son of God.'"

- **Not One of His Bones Will Be Broken**

Ps. 34:20 He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken.

John 19:33-36 But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water... For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: 'Not one of his bones will be broken.'

- **Rejected by the Spiritual Leaders**

Psalms 118:22-23 The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Mat. 21:42 Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the Scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes"?'

- **He Will Be Born of a Virgin**

Is. 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Virgin - עלמה- Almah - ἡ παρθένος

Mat. 1:22-23 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 'Behold, **the virgin** shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel' (which means, God with us).

- **He Will Minister in Galilee**

Is. 9:1-2 But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

Mat. 4:13-16 And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned."

- **God-Man**

Is. 9:6-7 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Lk. 1:31-32 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David,

- **He Will Die for the Sins of Humanity**

Is. 53:5-6 But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

1 Pet. 3:18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, **the righteous for the unrighteous**, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

- **He Will Be Buried with a Rich Man**

^{NAS} **Isaiah 53:9** His grave was assigned with wicked men, **Yet He was with a rich man in His death**, Because He had done no violence, Nor was there any deceit in His mouth.

Mat. 27:57-60 When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away.

- **He Will Be Born in Bethlehem**

Mic. 5:2 But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.

Mat. 2:4-6 and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: "'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'

- **The Exact Timing of His Crucifixion**

Dan. 9:25-26 Know therefore and understand that from the going out of the word to restore and build Jerusalem to the coming of an anointed one, a prince, there shall be seven weeks. Then for sixty-two weeks it shall be built again with squares and moat, but in a troubled time. And after the sixty-two weeks, an anointed one shall be cut off and shall have nothing.

John 12:12-13 The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!'

- **He Will Enter Jerusalem on a Donkey**

Zech. 9:9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, **humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

Mat. 21:2-5 Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once. This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'

- **Sold for Thirty Pieces of Silver**

Zech. 11:12-13 Then I said to them, 'If it seems good to you, give me my wages; but if not, keep them.' And they weighed out as my wages thirty pieces of silver. Then the LORD said to me, 'Throw it to the potter'—the lordly price at which I was priced by them. So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them into the house of the LORD, to the potter.

Mat. 26:14-15 Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?" And they paid him thirty pieces of silver.

Mat. 27:6-8 But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, 'It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is blood money.' So they took counsel and bought with them the potter's field as a burial place for strangers. Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day.

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Probability of 8 of these prophecies being fulfilled by chance

1 in 10¹⁷, or 1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000.

- The Bible is God's revelation, given by God to show us the way of salvation through Christ.
- The Bible carries God's authority and speaks with divine power.
- Acceptance or rejection of Scripture plays a decisive role in our lives.