

IS JESUS THE MESSIAH?

John 7:25-53

²⁵ Some of the people who lived there in Jerusalem said among themselves, "Isn't this the man they are trying to kill?" ²⁶ But here he is, speaking in public, and they say nothing to him. **Can it be that our leaders know that he really is the Messiah?** ²⁷ But how could he be? For we know where this man comes from. When the Messiah comes, he will simply appear; no one will know where he comes from." ²⁸ While Jesus was teaching in the Temple, he called out, "Yes, you know me, and you know where I come from. But I represent one you don't know, and he is true." ²⁹ I know him because I have come from him, and he sent me to you." ³⁰ Then the leaders tried to arrest him; but no one laid a hand on him, because his time had not yet come. ³¹ Many among the crowds at the Temple believed in him. "After all," they said, "would you expect the Messiah to do more miraculous signs than this man has done?" ³² When the Pharisees heard that the crowds were murmuring such things, they and the leading priests sent Temple guards to arrest Jesus. ³³ But Jesus told them, "I will be here a little longer. Then I will return to the one who sent me." ³⁴ You will search for me but not find me. And you won't be able to come where I am." ³⁵ The Jewish leaders were puzzled by this statement. "Where is he planning to go?" they asked. "Maybe he is thinking of leaving the country and going to the Jews in other lands, or maybe even to the Gentiles!" ³⁶ What does he mean when he says, 'You will search for me but not find me,' and 'You won't be able to come where I am'?" ³⁷ On the last day, the climax of the festival, Jesus stood and shouted to the crowds, "If you are thirsty, come to me!" ³⁸ If you believe in me, come and drink! For the Scriptures declare that rivers of living water will flow out from within." ³⁹ (When he said "living water," he was speaking of the Spirit, who would be given to everyone believing in him. But the Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus had not yet entered into his glory.) ⁴⁰ When the crowds heard him say this, some of them declared, "This man surely is the Prophet." ⁴¹ Others said, "He is the Messiah." Still others said, "But he can't be! Will the Messiah come from Galilee?" ⁴² For the Scriptures clearly state that the Messiah will be born of the royal line of David, in Bethlehem, the village where King David was born." ⁴³ So the crowd was divided in their opinion about him. ⁴⁴ And some wanted him arrested, but no one touched him. ⁴⁵ The Temple guards who had been sent to arrest him returned to the leading priests and Pharisees. "Why didn't you bring him in?" they demanded. ⁴⁶ "We have never heard anyone talk like this!" the guards responded. ⁴⁷ "Have you been led astray, too?" the Pharisees mocked. ⁴⁸ "Is there a single one of us rulers or Pharisees who believes in him?" ⁴⁹ These ignorant crowds do, but what do they know about it? A curse on them anyway!" ⁵⁰ Nicodemus, the leader who had met with Jesus earlier, then spoke up. ⁵¹ "Is it legal to convict a man before he is given a hearing?" he asked. ⁵² They replied, "Are you from Galilee, too? Search the Scriptures and see for yourself -- no prophet ever comes from Galilee!" ⁵³ Then the meeting broke up and everybody went home.

15 Old Testament Messianic Prophecies Jesus Fulfilled

He was born in Bethlehem.

Micah 5:2 --**FULFILLED**--> Matthew 2:5-6

Descendant of the seed of Abraham.

Genesis 12:3. --**FULFILLED**--> Matthew 1:1-16

God would provide Himself a Lamb as an offering.

Genesis 22:8 --**FULFILLED**-->John 1:29

From the tribe of Judah.

Genesis 49:10 --**FULFILLED**-->Matthew 1:1-3

Born in Bethlehem.

Micah 5:2 --**FULFILLED**--> Matthew 2:1

Preceded by a messenger to prepare His way.

Malachi 3:1 --**FULFILLED**--> Matthew 11:7-11

Called out of Egypt.

Hosea 11:1 --**FULFILLED**--> Matthew 2:15

He entered Jerusalem as a king riding on a donkey.

Zechariah 9:9 --**FULFILLED**--> Matthew 21:5

Sold for 30 pieces of silver.

Zechariah 11:12 --**FULFILLED**--> Matthew 26:15; Luke 22:5

Spit on, smitten and scourged.

Isaiah 50:6, 53:5 --**FULFILLED**--> Matthew 27:26, 30

Crucified with criminals.

Isaiah 53:12 --**FULFILLED**--> Matthew 27:35

No bones broken.

Psalms 34:20, Numbers 9:1 --**FULFILLED**--> John 19:33-36

His side would be pierced.

Zechariah 12:10 --**FULFILLED**--> John 19:34

He would be buried with the rich.

Isaiah 53:9 --**FULFILLED**--> Matthew 27:57, 60

He would be resurrected from the dead.

Psalms 16:10-11; 49:15 --**FULFILLED**--> Mark 16:6

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