

Southside Baptist Church  
Sunday Morning – 12-18-22  
No one else could have done this but Jesus!

1. Introduction:
  - a. A current look at Christmas:
    - 1) Seems to be a steady decline of people who believe –
    - 2) As our world continues to struggle with the truth that God is real –
    - 3) I want to share with you some unique evidence that reveals something only Jesus could do.
  - b. Taking a look ahead:
    - 1) Thank God for prophecy.
      - a) When it comes to Jesus, God had a lot to say through prophecy!
2. Let's consider something that Peter said: II Peter 1:12-21
  - a. Reviewing and Remembering truth: Verses 12-15
  - b. Peter points out TWO important things for us here: Verses 16-21
    - 1) First – Peter's eyewitness testimony:
      - a) "eyewitness of His majesty" –
      - b) "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" –
    - 2) Second – Prophecy:
      - a) "We have also a more sure word of prophecy" – Verse 19
      - b) Eyewitness testimony is great, but when God speaks, that's greater.
      - c) Peter tells us why prophecy from God is reliable – Verse 20-21
      - d) How can prophecy lead me to the truth about God.
  - c. Isaiah helps us out here:
    - 1) Isaiah contains roughly 132 prophetic scriptures.
    - 2) Look at what God said we could know from knowing prophecy!!!
      - a) Isaiah 44:6-8 -
      - b) Isaiah 46:9-10 -
      - c) Isaiah 48:5-6 –
    - 3) God makes a declaration that sets Him apart from anyone or anything.
      - a) God is the only one who can declare the end from the beginning.
      - b) Put Him to the test – Did what He say come to pass?
  - d. Let's look specifically at Jesus:
    - 1) There are somewhere between 300 to 365 prophecies concerning Jesus.
3. How accurate was God's prophecy?
  - a. How could we illustrate the accuracy of God's prophecy concerning Jesus?
4. Only God can do something like this:
  - a. Professor Peter W. Stoner –
    - 1) Took 9 of the most clear and straightforward Messianic Prophecies:
      - a) Micah 5:2 – He would be born in Bethlehem
      - b) Malachi 3:1 – A messenger will prepare the way for the Messiah.
      - c) Zechariah 9:9 – The Messiah will enter Jerusalem on a donkey.
      - d) Zechariah 13:6 – Messiah betrayed by a friend and suffer wounds - hands
      - e) Zechariah 11:12 – He would be betrayed for 30 pieces of silver.
      - f) Zechariah 11:13 – That money would be used to buy a potter's field.
      - g) Isaiah 53:7 – The Messiah would remain silent while He is afflicted.
      - h) Psalm 22:16 – Messiah would die having his hands and feet pierced.
    - 2) "The reason why prophecy is an indication of the divine authorship of the Scriptures, and hence a testimony to the trustworthiness of the message of the scriptures, is because of the minute probability of fulfillment.? Peter Stoner.

