

IS JESUS BELIEVABLE?

Good News Message Series Week 4

John 2

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Why believe Jesus is God?

1. Because of His miracles. (John 2:1-11)
2. Because of His fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies. (John 2:12-17)

“Reading through the Old Testament and observing how clearly it testifies of Jesus Christ, how perfectly he fulfills every prophecy and illuminates every shadow, is like an espresso shot of faith. It makes me say, ‘Wow, God so perfectly planned and prepared my redemption from the beginning: how could I do anything less than believe in Jesus with all my heart.’”

Matt Carter and Josh Wredberg, *Christ-Centered Exposition: Exalting Jesus in John*, B&H Publishing Group, Brentwood, TN, 2017, pp. 52-53.

3. Because of His resurrection. (John 2:18-25)

“The resurrection is our hope. It’s the promise that turns our faith from *in vain* to *invaluable*. When seeds of doubt begin to take root, remember the promise Jesus made that he would conquer death and the grave and then read the testimony of Scripture that clearly proclaims, ‘He has risen, just as he said’ (Matt 28:6).”

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10 Old Testament Prophecies Fulfilled by Jesus

- 1. Prophecy:** "Rejoice greatly, O people of Zion! Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem! Look, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and victorious, yet he is humble, riding on a donkey – even on a donkey's colt."
(Zechariah 9:9)
Fulfillment by Christ: John 12:12-15; Matthew 28:8-11
- 2. Prophecy:** "He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not." (Isaiah 53:3)
Fulfillment by Christ: John 12:37-38
- 3. Prophecy:** "He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth." (Isaiah 53:7)
Fulfillment by Christ: Mark 15:5
- 4. Prophecy:** "I can count all my bones; people stare and gloat over me. They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing." (Psalm 22:17-18)
Fulfillment by Christ: John 19:23
- 5. Prophecy:** "They must not leave any of the lamb until the next morning, and they must not break any of its bones. They must follow all the normal regulations concerning the Passover." (Numbers 9:12)
Fulfillment by Christ: John 19:31-37

6. **Prophecy:** “My life is poured out like water, and all My bones are out of joint. My heart is like wax, melting within Me. My strength has dried up like sunbaked clay. My tongue sticks to the roof of My mouth. You have laid Me in the dust and left Me for dead. My enemies surround Me like a pack of dogs; an evil gang closes in on Me. They have pierced My hands and feet.” (Psalm 22:14-16)

Fulfillment by Christ: Luke 24:39; Galatians 3:13

7. **Prophecy:** “But He was wounded and crushed for our sins. He was beaten that we might have peace. He was whipped, and we were healed! All of us have strayed away like sheep. We have left God’s paths to follow our own. Yet the Lord laid on Him the guilt and sins of us all. From prison and trial they led Him away to His death. But who among the people realized that He was dying for their sins – that He was suffering their punishment? I will give Him the honors of One who is mighty and great, because He exposed Himself to death. He was counted among those who were sinners. He bore the sins of many and interceded for sinners.” (Isaiah 53:5-6, 8, 12)

Fulfillment by Christ: 1 Peter 2:24; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

8. **Prophecy:** “He had done no wrong, and He never deceived anyone. But He was buried like a criminal; He was put in a rich man’s grave.” (Isaiah 53:9)

Fulfillment by Christ: Matthew 27:57-60

9. **Prophecy:** “For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol; Nor will You allow Your Holy One to undergo decay.” (Psalm 16:10)

Fulfillment by Christ: Romans 6:8-11

10. **Prophecy:** “The Lord said to my Lord, ‘Sit in honor at My right hand until I humble Your enemies, making them a footstool under Your feet.’” (Psalm 110:1)

Fulfillment by Christ: Hebrews 10:12-13; Acts 2:32-36