

## *Messianic Prophecy Jesus Fulfilled*

- A descendant of Abraham ([Genesis 12:1-3; 22:18; Matthew 1:1](#))
- Of the tribe of Judah ([Genesis 49:10; Matthew 1:1-17](#))
- Of the house of David ([Isaiah 11:1-16; Jeremiah 23:5; Matthew 1:1](#))
- Born in Bethlehem ([Micah 5:2; Matthew 2:1](#))
- Taken to Egypt ([Hosea 11:1; Matthew 2:14-15](#))
- Herod's killing of the infants ([Jeremiah 31:15; Matthew 2:16-18](#))
- Anointed by the Holy Spirit ([Isaiah 11:2; Matthew 3:16-17](#))
- Heralded by the messenger of the Lord ([Isaiah 40:3-5; Malachi 3:1; Matthew 3:1-3](#))
- Would perform miracles ([Isaiah 35:5-6; Matthew 9:35](#))
- Would preach good news ([Isaiah 61:1; Matthew 11:4-6](#))
- Would minister in Galilee ([Isaiah 9:1; Matthew 4:12-16](#))
- Would cleanse the Temple ([Malachi 3:1; Jeremiah 7:11; Matthew 21:12-13](#))
- Would enter Jerusalem as a king on a donkey ([Zechariah 9:9; Matthew 21:4-9](#))
- Would be rejected by Jews ([Psalm 118:22; I Peter 2:7](#))
- Die a humiliating death ([Psalm 22:1-31; Isaiah 53:1-12](#)) involving:
  1. rejection ([Isaiah 53:3; John 1:10-11; 7:5,48](#))
  2. betrayal by a friend ([Psalm 41:9; John 13:18](#))
  3. sold for 30 pieces of silver ([Zechariah 11:12; Matthew 26:14-15](#))
  4. silence before His accusers ([Isaiah 53:7; Matthew 27:12-14](#))
  5. being mocked ([Psalm 22:7-8; Matthew 27:41-44](#))
  6. beaten ([Isaiah 52:14; Matthew 27:26](#))
  7. spit upon ([Isaiah 50:6; Matthew 27:30](#))
  8. piercing His hands and feet ([Psalm 22:16; Matthew 27:31](#))
  9. being crucified with thieves ([Isaiah 53:12; Matthew 27:38](#))
  10. piercing His side ([Zechariah 12:10; John 19:34](#))
  11. given gall and vinegar to drink ([Psalm 69:21; Matthew 27:34](#))
  12. no broken bones ([Psalm 34:20; John 19:32-36](#))
  13. buried in a rich man's tomb ([Isaiah 53:9; Matthew 27:57-60](#))
  14. casting lots for His garments ([Psalm 22:18; John 19:23-24](#))
- Would rise from the dead ([Psalm 16:10; Matthew 28:6](#))
- Ascend into Heaven ([Psalm 68:18; Acts 1:9](#))
- Would reside at the right hand of God ([Psalm 110:1; Acts 7:56](#))

Jesus fulfilled hundreds of messianic prophecies during His lifetime. To get a feel for the probabilities involved, consider this: Professor Emeritus of Science at Westmont College, Peter Stoner, calculated the odds of Jesus fulfilling only eight of the Messianic prophecies to be 1 out of 10<sup>17</sup>—that's 1 in one hundred thousand trillion!

Some argue that Jesus controlled outcomes and fulfilled prophecies on purpose so He could claim to be Israel's Messiah. He did. He purposefully rode into Jerusalem on a donkey presenting Himself as King on the day we call Palm Sunday. He controlled the outcomes of [Zechariah 9:9](#) and [Daniel 9:25](#).

The fact He did so exactly 173,880 days after Artaxerxes Longimanus decreed the restoration of Jerusalem is a special case. Jesus would have to be God to control this outcome—and He is ([Exodus 3:14; John 8:58](#))—and He did! His fulfilling of [Daniel 9:25](#) alone could be called a statistical certainty that He is who He claimed to be—God.

[Psalm 22](#) was written a thousand years before Christ and it reads like an eye-witness account of the crucifixion. These prophecies are so accurate that scoffers have said that they must have been written after the facts of Jesus' life were known. The truth is these prophecies were widely published throughout the Hellenistic world in the Septuagint 270 years before Jesus was born!

You have just been presented with proof that Jesus is who He says He is—God ([Exodus 3:14](#); [John 8:58](#)). Now you need to decide what to do with this truth. Get an NLT Study Bible and read the Gospels of [Matthew](#) and [John](#) to learn what God expects from His people. While doing so, read all of the Old Testament Books that Jesus references. Ask God to give you understanding while you read. Then do what Jesus says to do. It's really not that difficult—it's basically just treating others the way you would like to be treated ([Matthew 7:12](#)).

Follow Jesus only and avoid institutionalized religion. The modern "church" will do you much more harm than good ([Matthew 15:7-9](#)). Avoid TV Ministries. The only thing they will teach you is how to make them rich ([Micah 3:11](#)). Keep your focus on the words of Jesus ([John 14:6](#)) and He will lead you by His Spirit ([John 14:26](#)).