

# THE HISTORICAL JESUS

## LESSON FIVE

# JESUS IN PROPHECY

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**The story of Jesus** saturates the metanarrative of the Bible, and prophecies of His first advent are found throughout the Old Testament. Allusions to Him also come up in micro ways, as many people and events hint at the work He would accomplish

The following is an attempt to list some prophecies given in the Old and New Testaments that Jesus has fulfilled. Undoubtedly, it is not complete. But that's one of the great things about the Bible—the more you read it, the more you see.

Prophecy	Given
	Fulfilled
The serpent and the "seed" of Eve will have conflict; the offspring of the woman will crush the serpent. Jesus is this seed, and He crushed Satan at the cross.	Genesis 3:14-15
	Galatians 4:4; Hebrews 2:14
God promised Abraham the whole world would be blessed through him. Jesus, descended from Abraham, is that blessing.	Genesis 12:3
	Acts 3:25-26; Matthew 1:1; Galatians 3:16
God promised Abraham He would establish an everlasting covenant with Isaac's offspring. Jesus is that offspring.	Genesis 17:19
	Matthew 1:1-2
Jacob prophesied Judah would rule over his brothers. Jesus the king is from the tribe of Judah.	Genesis 49:10
	Matthew 1:1-2; Luke 1:32-33
The Jews were not to break the bones of the Passover lamb. Jesus' bones were not broken on the cross.	Exodus 12:46; Numbers 9:12
	John 19:31-36
The Jews were to devote the firstborn males to God. Jesus is Mary's firstborn male; He is also the "firstborn" over creation and the "firstborn" of the dead.	Exodus 13:2; Numbers 3:13; 8:17
	Luke 2:7, 23; Colossians 1:15-18
Moses promised another prophet like him would come. Jesus is that prophet.	Deuteronomy 18:15, 18-19
	Matthew 21:11; Luke 7:16; 24:19; John 6:14; 7:40

Prophecy	Given
	Fulfilled
David believed God will not abandon him to the grave. Jesus rose from the grave.	Psalm 16:9-10; 30:3; 86:13; Isaiah 26:19
	Luke 24:6-8; John 20
David cries out that God has forsaken him. Jesus uses the same words on the cross.	Psalm 22:1
	Matthew 27:46
David says his enemies mock and insult him. Jesus endured the same on the cross.	Psalm 22:7
	Matthew 27:38-44
David says that "dogs" surround him and pierce his hands and feet. Gentile soldiers put nails through Jesus' hands and feet.	Psalm 22:16
	John 19:16; 20:20; Acts 2:23
David says that others divide his clothing. The Roman soldiers took Jesus' clothes.	Psalm 22:18
	John 19:23-24
David says false witnesses will testify against him. False witnesses did testify against Jesus, although they didn't have matching stories.	Psalm 27:12; 35:11; 109:6
	Matthew 26:60; Mark 14:55-59
David says he commits his spirit to God. Jesus used the same words on the cross.	Psalm 31:5
	Luke 23:46
The psalmist says his friends will abandon him. The disciples abandoned Jesus.	Psalm 38:11; 88:18
	Matthew 26:56-58; Mark 14:50
David talks about being betrayed by a friend. Jesus was betrayed by Judas.	Psalm 41:9; 55:12-14
	Matthew 26:14-16, 23; Mark 14:10-11, 43
David talks of being fed gall and vinegar. Jesus was offered gall and vinegar on the cross.	Psalm 69:21
	Matthew 27:34, 48; Mark 15:23; Luke 23:36; John 19:29
David says his Lord will be made a priest of Melchizedek. Jesus is a priest of Melchizedek.	Psalm 110:4
	Hebrews 5:1-6; 6:20; 7:15-17
The psalmist says the stone the builders reject will become the cornerstone. Jesus was rejected by the Jewish leaders, but He is the basis of God's salvation.	Psalm 118:22-23
	Matthew 21:42; Mark 12:10-11; Luke 20:17; John 1:11
God promised a time when the deaf hear. Jesus healed the deaf.	Isaiah 35:5
	Matthew 11:5; Mark 7:31-37; 9:25
God promised a messenger who would announce the Lord's coming. John the Baptist is that messenger.	Isaiah 40:3-5; Malachi 3:1
	Matthew 3:3; 11:10; Mark 1:3; Luke 3:4-6
God is the shepherd who tends His sheep. Jesus is the good shepherd.	Isaiah 40:10-11
	John 10:11
Isaiah speaks of one who will be beaten and spit upon. Jesus was beaten and spit upon.	Isaiah 50:6
	Matthew 26:67; 27:26-30
The Suffering Servant will be so abused He will not look human. Jesus was beaten, whipped, crucified, and pierced by a spear.	Isaiah 52:14
	Matthew 26:67; 27:26-30; 35
The Suffering Servant will be despised and rejected by His own people. Jesus' tormentors rejected Him and spit in His face.	Isaiah 53:3
	Luke 23:18; Matthew 26:67; John 1:11

Prophecy	Given
	Fulfilled
The Suffering Servant's sacrifice offers forgiveness of sins. Jesus' sacrifice offers forgiveness of our sins.	Isaiah 53:11
	Acts 10:43; 13:38-39
God promises a "righteous Branch" from the line of Jesse who will do what is just. Jesus is that Branch.	Jeremiah 23:5-6; 33:15-16
	Romans 3:22; 1 Corinthians 1:30
God promises a new covenant. Jesus provides the work for that new covenant.	Jeremiah 31:31-34 ; 32:37-40; 50:5
	Matthew 26:27-29; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:15-20
God will call His "child" from Egypt. Jesus returned from Egypt when He was young.	Hosea 11:1
	Matthew 2:13-15
The ruler of Israel will come from Bethlehem. Jesus was born in Bethlehem.	Micah 5:2
	Luke 2:4-7
The Branch will be a priest in the temple. Jesus is a priest in the order of Melchizedek.	Zechariah 6:12-13
	Hebrews 7:11-28; 8:1-2
Israel's king will ride a donkey. Jesus came into Jerusalem riding a donkey.	Zechariah 9:9
	Mark 11:1-10
God told Zechariah to take the thirty pieces of silver he earned and throw it to the potter. Judas took thirty pieces of silver and returned it to the priests who used it to buy the potter's field.	Zechariah 11:12-13
	Matthew 26:14-15; 27:3, 6-10
If someone strikes the shepherd, the sheep will scatter. When Jesus was arrested, His disciples fled.	Zechariah 13:6-7
	Matthew 26:56; Mark 14:50
Elijah will return. John the Baptist fulfills the role of Elijah.	Malachi 4:5
	Matthew 11:13-14; Mark 9:11-13; Luke 1:17; 7:27-28
Jesus said one of His disciples will betray Him. Judas betrayed Him.	Matthew 26:21-22
	Luke 22:47-48



### Additional References—Prophecy

Prophecy	Description	Fulfillment
Ex 3:13-15	The Great "I AM"	John 4:26; 8:58
Ex 12:21-27	Christ is our Passover	1 Cor 5:7
Zech 12:10c	The Messiah would be rejected	John 1:11
Zech 14:4	He would return to the Mt. of Olives	Acts 1:11-12

## What are the chances?

“Blindfold a man and tell him that he can travel as far as he wishes, but he must find and pick up a specially marked coin and say this is the right one. What chance would he have of getting the right one? Just the same chance that the prophets would have had of writing these prophecies and having them all come true in any one man, from their day to the present time, providing they wrote using their own wisdom.”

## Try to find other relevant passages:

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