

# Who Is Jesus?

## *I. Why Do We Believe He Was The Messiah?*

Over a period that spanned more than one thousand years (approximately 1,400) over two-dozen authors wrote the thirty-nine books that make up the Old Testament.

While each book contains historical accounts from a large variety of times, places, characters, and prophecies of future events; they are all based around the same theme: '*Messiah is coming to redeem us from our fallen state*'.

These prophecies written by many different authors, hundreds of years apart (under the inspiration of God) were all fulfilled through the life of One Person.

Many men through history could have claimed to fulfill a random verse or two in regards to what Messiah would be (*they pierced my hands and my feet* / etc), but only One Man would fulfill EVERY verse that was prophesied of Messiah down to the exact geographical locations, personal relationships He would have, the price He would be betrayed for, events surrounding His birth and death, and many more very specific prophecies that were fulfilled in Him.

The following is a Scriptural study of a few of these prophecies which most of us will identify right away as being fulfilled by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I have also included references to the New Testament verses in which they were fulfilled for those wishing to study further, or looking for definite proof that Jesus of Nazareth was the Messiah.

Some details of a few individual verses from Old Testament prophecies that were fulfilled in the life of Jesus Christ go far beyond what any sensible person could reason away as coincidence.

To claim that The Bible is untrue after seeing the fact that ALL of the Old Testament prophecies referring to what Messiah would be were fulfilled by Him, or to imagine that they could all be fulfilled by coincidence in Him, and to still look for Messiah's first advent goes far beyond my human understanding.

### II PETER 1:21

“For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.”

### ISAIAH 7:14

“Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.”  
(Fulfilled in St. Matthew 1:18-23 & St. Luke 1:31-35)

### HEBREW LEXICON

Immanuel = "**God with us**" or "with us is God"

- 1) a symbolic and prophetic name of the Messiah, the Christ, prophesying that He would be born of a virgin and would be 'God with us'

ISAIAH 9:6

“For **unto us a Child is born**, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, **The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.**”

*(Fulfilled in St. Luke 2:6-7)*

MICAH 5:2

“But thou, **Bethlehem** Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet **out of thee shall He come forth** unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; **whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.**”

*(Fulfilled in St. Matthew 2:1-6)*

ISAIAH 61:1-2a

“The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; He hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

“To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD.”

*(Fulfilled in St. Luke 4:16-21)*

PSALM 41:9

“Yea, **mine own familiar friend**, in whom I trusted, **which did eat of My bread, hath lifted up his heel against Me.**”

*(Fulfilled in St. Mark 14:18-20)*

ZECHARIAH 11:12-3

“And I said unto them, If ye think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. **So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver.**”

“And the LORD said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prised at of them. **And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the LORD.**”

*(Fulfilled in St. Matthew 26:14-16 & St. Matthew 27:3-10)*

The previous scripture from Zechariah not only predicted the exact price for which Jesus would be betrayed, but also that Judas (after realizing he had betrayed innocent blood) would cast the money on the floor of the temple ('in the house of the Lord'), and that it would be used instead to buy a field from a potter (which was used later to bury strangers in).

ISAIAH 53:3-9

“He is despised and rejected of men; a Man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from Him; He was despised, and **we esteemed Him not.**”

“Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

“But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and **with His stripes we are healed.**”

*(Fulfilled in St. Matthew 27:26)*

“All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

“He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet **He opened not His mouth**: He is brought as a lamb to

the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He openeth not His mouth.  
(Fulfilled in St. Matthew 27:12-14)

“He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare His generation? for He was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was He stricken.

“And **He made His grave with the wicked, and with the rich in His death;** because He had done no violence, neither was any deceit in His mouth.”

(Fulfilled in St. Matthew 27:57-60)

ISAIAH 50:6

“**I gave My back to the smiters, and My cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not My face from shame and spitting.**”

(Fulfilled in St. John 19:1 & St. Matthew 26:67)

PSALM 22:16b

“... **they pierced My hands and My feet.**”

(Fulfilled in St. John 20:25-29)

PSALM 34:20

“**He keepeth all His bones: not one of them is broken.**”

(Fulfilled in St. John 19:32-37)

PSALM 22:18

“**They part My garments among them, and cast lots upon My vesture.**”

(Fulfilled in St. Matthew 27:35)

PSALM 69:21

“**They gave Me also gall** for My meat; and in My thirst they gave Me **vinegar to drink.**”

(Fulfilled in St. Matthew 27:34)

ISAIAH 53:12

“Therefore will I divide Him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong; because He hath poured out His soul unto death: and **He was numbered with the transgressors;** and He bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.”

(Fulfilled in St. Luke 23:32-33)

PSALM 16:9-10

“**For thou wilt not leave My soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.**”

(Fulfilled in St. Mark 16:6)

ZECHARIAH 12:10

“And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and **they shall look upon Me whom they have pierced,** and they shall mourn for Him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for Him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.”

ZECHARIAH 13:6

“And one shall say unto Him, **What are these wounds in thine hands?** Then He shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of My friends.”

In the following three sets of Scripture, Jesus Himself foretells when He will die, where He will die, how He will die, who will kill Him, and the events surrounding His death. There would be no way for someone to predict this aside from prophetic foresight, or by identifying themselves in Scripture that had already been prophesied.

How else could He predict not only the place He would die, but also the specific day, and the specific type of death?

Even though it was the Jewish chief priests and scribes who wanted Him to die; Jesus foretells that they would not be the ones who actually put Him to death, but that it would be the Romans, and in a Roman form of corporal punishment.

How could anyone guess, or predict by mere coincidence these details with the vast number of variables leading up to make everything happen exactly this way?

Even if an atheist or non-Christian would doubt the New Testament record that Jesus had spoken those words before His crucifixion, how can they even attempt explain away the Old Testament prophecies of the same context that were fulfilled perfectly, and precisely by The Lord Jesus?

ST. MATTHEW 20:17-19

“And Jesus going up to Jerusalem took the twelve disciples apart in the way, and said unto them, **“Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn him to death, “And shall deliver him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify him: and the third day he shall rise again.””**

ST. MATTHEW 26:2

“Ye know that **after two days** is the feast of the passover, and the Son of man is **betrayed to be crucified.**”

ST. MARK 10:32-34

“And they were in the way going up to Jerusalem; and Jesus went before them: and they were amazed; and as they followed, they were afraid. And he took again the twelve, and began to tell them what things should happen unto him,

“Saying, **Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be delivered unto the chief priests, and unto the scribes; and they shall condemn him to death, and shall deliver him to the Gentiles: “And they shall mock him, and shall scourge him, and shall spit upon him, and shall kill him: and the third day he shall rise again.””**

## II. "What Relation Will Messiah Be To God?"

Was Messiah supposed to be a third person of a trinity, or an eternal sonship, or God Himself manifested in flesh?

As we have already discovered in the first part of this study: the word 'Immanuel' (*Isaiah 7:14*) means "God with us", and that He would be "The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father" (*Isaiah 9:6*).

Before time began, before anything was created, there was just 'the self-existing One'. He was Eternal, alone with His Thoughts. God is '*one that is worshiped*', but there had been nothing created to worship Him.

JOHN 4:24

**"God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."**

If "God is a Spirit" then He could not be seen, or touched. He was without form, yet He had attributes that He wanted to display. He was God, but there was nothing to worship Him. He was Father, but there were no sons or daughters of God. He was Savior, but there was no one to save. He was Healer, but there was no one to heal.

The first thing that He created was the Logos (or Pillar of Fire), which was a form that He could be seen in. The Logos was 'the Son of God' (a form that God could be seen in), because when Paul met the Pillar of Fire on the road He introduced Himself as Jesus.

ACTS 9:3-5a

"And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:

"And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?"

**"And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest."**

God changed His form many times through history. Moses saw Him as the back part of a man\*, Ezekiel saw Him as a "wheel in the middle of a wheel"\*\*, but whenever He appeared in a form that we could behold Him in, It was not a separate person, but God Himself dwelling in a created Tabernacle. Not a second person, or a third person, but The Person.

\* *Exodus 33:18-23*

\*\* *Ezekiel 1:16*

EXODUS 33:20

"And He said, **Thou canst not see My face: for there shall no man see Me, and live.**"

JOHN 1:18

“**No man hath seen God at any time;** the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him.”

Please pay close attention to the following verses, which are all referring to The Lord Jesus.

HEBREWS 1:3a

“Who being the brightness of His glory, and **the express Image of His person...**”

COLOSSIANS 1:15-17

“**Who is the image of the invisible God,** the firstborn of every creature:

“For **by Him were all things created,** that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: **all things were created by Him, and for Him:**

“And **He is before all things, and by Him all things consist.**”

Then if He (Jesus) created all things, and was before all things; Who was It that created all things and was before all things, but God Himself?

I JOHN 1:1

“**That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life.**”

ST. JOHN 1:1-3

“**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

“The same was in the beginning with God.

“**All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made** that was made.”

ST. JOHN 1:10-11

“**He was in the world, and the world was made by Him,** and the world knew Him not.

“He came unto his own, and His own received Him not.”

ST. JOHN 1:14

“**And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us,** (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.”

HEBREWS 10:5

“**Wherefore when He cometh into the world, He saith,** Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but **a body hast thou prepared Me:**”

COLOSSIANS 1:19

“For it pleased the Father that **in Him should all fulness dwell;**”

COLOSSIANS 2:9

“**For in Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.**”

Trinitarians believe that the Father is the first person, the Son is the second person, and the Holy Ghost is the third person of the trinity. Some believe that they are not actually three completely different 'persons', but rather three different 'personalities'. Do we ascribe a personality disorder to God then? (God forbid)! They baptize in the names of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost because of their interpretation of St. Matthew 28:19.

MATTHEW 28:19

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in **the name** of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.”

Jesus did not say to baptize them 'in the names of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost', nor did He say to baptize them 'in the name of the Father, and the name of the Son, and the name of the Holy Ghost' (as many quote it), but He said in The Name (singular). Father, Son, and Holy Ghost are not names, but they are titles of God (just as Rose of Sharon, Lilly of the Valley, Prince of Peace, etc). I am a son, I am a husband, I am a father, I am a friend, I am an evangelist, but none of those are my name; they are titles.

ACTS 4:12

“**Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.**”

Now if there are three separate persons of the trinity, and God the Father was Jesus' Father (a separate person or personality), then what do we do with the following verses that plainly state that the Holy Ghost was His Father?

ST. MATTHEW 1:18

“Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as His mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, **she was found with Child of the Holy Ghost.**”

ST. MATTHEW 1:20

“But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for **That which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.**”

In the light of these Scriptures we have to agree that God the Father, and The Holy Ghost are the same Person.

After receiving the knowledge of this Truth there are still many that claim there are 'two lords' (God the Father and Jesus Christ) because of their interpretation of the following verse from Psalms:

PSALM 110:1

**“The LORD said unto my Lord,** Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.”

Through their interpretation of this Scripture they are separate God the Father to be 'The Lord' who says unto Jesus Christ ('my Lord') to sit on His right hand. However; if you take this verse back to the original Hebrew words it actually reads “Jehovah said unto Adonai”. So if we believe that Jehovah of the Old Testament is Jesus of the New Testament, then the line of thinking in interpreting this verse as ‘two lords’ would be like 'putting the cart before the horse'.

Remember that Abraham saw three men and said ‘my LORD’\*, where Lot saw two of those same men and said ‘my lords’\*\* . Abraham and Lot obviously had two very different revelations.

\* *Genesis 18:3*

\*\* *Genesis 19:2*

We must also make sure that our interpretation of a certain verse can match the entire canon of Scripture. Remember that Thomas not only called Jesus his Lord, but also his God.

ST. JOHN 20:28-29

“And Thomas answered and said unto Him, **My Lord and my God.**

“**Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen Me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed”.**

ST. JOHN 13:13

“**Ye call Me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am**”.

MATTHEW 6:24a

“**No man can serve two masters:** for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other.”

DEUTERONOMY 6:4

“Hear, O Israel: **The LORD our God is one LORD.**”

ZECHARIAH 14:9

“And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be **one LORD, and His name one.**”

MARK 12:29

“And Jesus answered him, **The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord.**”

I CORINTHIANS 8:5-6

"For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,)

**"But to us there is but one God, the Father, of Whom are all things, and we in Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by Whom are all things, and we by Him."**

Many try to use this verse to split God and Jesus into two separate Persons, but this verse is not saying 'two Lords' (in fact it plainly says 'one Lord'), and it also saying that all things were 'by Jesus' and 'of God' (remember the verse from Colossians earlier in our study about all things being created by Jesus, and how He was before all things).

EPHESIANS 4:5

**"One Lord,** one faith, one baptism."

When you see my flesh you do not see my soul, or my spirit. The only way you could know me, see me, or recognize me is by seeing my body or hearing my voice (which the vocal chords are part of the body).

We (like God) are a triune being. I am not complete without all three (body, soul, and spirit). All three are separate attributes of who I am, but that does not make me three different persons (or personalities).

You could say that 'Nathan is a spirit, and no man has seen Nathan's spirit at any time, but Nathan's entire spirit dwells in his body. His body is the express image of his person'.

He (*Jesus*) is the express Image (*something we could see*) in which the entire fullness of the Spirit of God (*which no man could see*) dwelt (*a tabernacle, a body that we could touch*) so that He could redeem us back from our fallen state.

God could not send an angel, or one of the prophets, or a priest, or anyone else to redeem us, and be just. He had to come Himself. We are not saved by Jewish blood, or Gentile blood, but we are saved by the created Blood of God.

I would like to compare several Scriptures referring to Jesus (that were used in different areas of the study earlier) directly in line together for a short review, along with some additional verses:

GENESIS 1:1

"In the beginning **God created the heaven and the earth**".

COLOSSIANS 1:16-17

"For **by Him were all things created**, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: **all things were created by Him, and for Him**:

"And **He is before all things, and by Him all things consist**."

ST. JOHN 1: 3

**"All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made** that was made".

ST. JOHN 1:10

**“He was in the world, and the world was made by Him,** and the world knew Him not.

I CORINTHIANS 8: 6

“But to us **there is but one God, the Father, of Whom are all things, and we in Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by Whom are all things, and we by Him.**”

ST. JOHN 10:30

**“I and My Father are one.”**

ST. JOHN 14:8-11

“Philip saith unto him, Lord, **shew us the Father**, and it sufficeth us.

“Jesus saith unto him, **Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known Me, Philip? he that hath seen Me hath seen the Father;** and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

“Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of Myself: but the Father that dwelleth in Me, He doeth the works.

“Believe Me that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me: or else believe Me for the very works' sake.”

I pray that this Scriptural study has helped you to see beyond a shadow of a doubt Who Jesus really is, or if you have already seen Him for Who He Is; that you can use these Scriptures as a witnessing tool to help others.

There is an empty tomb in Jerusalem today. He is not there for He is risen\*, and is still the same yesterday, today, and forever\*\*. He (and He alone) is worthy of all of our worship, and our praise. Blessed be His Holy Name!

- Brother Nathan Bryant

\* *Matthew 28:6*

\*\* *Hebrews 13:8*

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