

“SHOWING FROM THE SCRIPTURES THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST”

INTRODUCTION

A. Colossians 2:13-14

Being subject to the new covenant, under Christ, we should be well aware that the old law of Moses is obsolete.

B. Romans 15:4

The law having been done away with, it nonetheless maintains a valid purpose.

C. Luke 24:25-27, 44-47; Acts 8:30-35; 17:1-3; 18:27-28

Specifically, the old testament is useful to prove Jesus to be Christ.

I. NATIVITY

A. Micah 5:2

Over seven hundred years prior to the birth of Christ, His nativity was named at Bethlehem.

1. Joshua 19:15; Genesis 48:7

There were two Bethlehems in Palestine: one in Zebulun, six miles northwest of Nazareth, and another in Judah, six miles southwest of Jerusalem. “*Bethlehem Ephrathah*” is specified in Micah’s prophecy.

2. John 7:42; Joshua 15; Nehemiah 11:25-30

Micah described this place as “*little among the thousands of Judah.*” It is called a town, rather than a city and was twice omitted from listings of towns in Judah.

B. Luke 2:1-7; Matthew 2:1-6

The prophecy was fulfilled.

II. GENEALOGY

Jesus was born of the correct lineage. No man on earth can control the facts concerning his birth!

A. Genesis 12:1-3; 22:15-18

God promised repeatedly to bless all nations through the seed of Abraham.

1. Galatians 3:16; Luke 3:23, 34

He was indeed descended from Abraham.

2. Ephesians 1:3

This son of Abraham brought spiritual blessings to all people.

B. 2nd Samuel 7:12-13; Psalm 132:11-12

God promised to install a descendant of David on an everlasting throne.

1. Romans 1:1-3; Acts 13:22-23

He was indeed descended from David.

2. John 18:37; Acts 2:22-32

This son of David reigns from an everlasting throne.

C. Genesis 3:15

God promised to crush the head of Satan through the seed of woman.

1. Galatians 4:1-5

Who would think a spiritual Savior would be born of a woman?

2. Hebrews 2:14

It was necessary for him to experience flesh and blood to sympathize with those He would save.

D. Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18-25

Through the prophet Isaiah, God promised that a virgin would give birth.

“Immanuel” means *“God with us.”* For God to be present in the flesh, it is understood that a miraculous entrance into the world is required.

III. JOHN ANNOUNCED HIS COMING

A. Isaiah 40:3; Malachi 3:1; Matthew 3:1-3; 11:1-10

Both Isaiah and Malachi spoke of one who would preach from the desert in preparation for Christ's coming. John was that man.

B. Malachi 4:5-6; Luke 1:11-17; Matthew 17:10-13

Malachi said that Elijah must precede Him. An angel told Zacharias that his son would be the one to come in Elijah's spirit and power. Jesus confirmed that John was this man.

IV. ANOINTED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

A. Isaiah 11:1-2; 42:1

Isaiah prophesied that a descendant of Jesse, David's father, would have the Spirit of the Lord.

B. Acts 10:36-38

Peter confirmed this was so.

C. Matthew 3:16-17; Luke 4:16-21

The Spirit came upon Jesus when He was baptized by John, and Christ Himself announced the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy while reading in the synagogue.

V. DESPISED AND REJECTED

A. Isaiah 53:3

The prophet said Christ would be despised and rejected.

B. John 1:11; 12:37

Indeed, his **own** did not receive Him. His ministry was often hindered in the presence of his neighbors.

VI. BETRAYAL PRICE

A. Zechariah 11:12-13

Zechariah described in precise detail how much Jesus' traitor would be paid and what would be done with the blood money.

B. Matthew 26:14-15; 27:3-10

Judas, acting in defiance of Christ, but in fulfillment of the prophecy, accepted thirty pieces of silver to betray the Lord. He subsequently threw the money back in the temple, and it was used to purchase the potter's field. Christ's enemies fulfilled the prophecy.

VII. SILENT

A. Isaiah 53:7

Isaiah said Jesus would not open His mouth.

B. Matthew 26:63; 27:12-14

Indeed, He stunned Pilate by His refusal to speak in His own defense.

VIII. MOCKED

A. Psalm 22:6-8

David prophesied that Jesus' enemies would wag their heads and ridicule Him, sarcastically saying that God would save Him.

B. Matthew 27:39-44

In almost those very words, Jesus' enemies fulfilled the prophecy.

IX. PIERCED

A. Psalm 22:16

David said that the Lord's hands and feet would be pierced.

B. John 20:24-25

Jesus was pierced when they crucified Him.

X. PROPERTY DISPERSED

A. Psalm 22:18

David foretold precisely how Jesus' property would be distributed.

B. John 19:23-24

The soldiers who stood guard over Him fulfilled the prophecy exactly.

XI. EXECUTED WITH THIEVES

A. Isaiah 53:12

Isaiah said Jesus would be numbered with transgressors.

B. Matthew 27:38

Indeed, He was crucified between two thieves.

XII. BURIED BY THE WEALTHY

A. Isaiah 53:9

His death would be associated with the wealthy.

B. Mark 15:42-46

A rich man named Joseph buried Him in his own tomb.

XIII. RESURRECTED

A. Psalm 16:10

David prophesied that the Lord's soul would not remain in Sheol, nor would he undergo corruption.

B. Acts 2:24-32

Peter preached the fulfillment of David's prophecy in Christ.

C. John 20:1-9

Indeed, the tomb was found empty.

CONCLUSION

A. John 1:45

The one the old testament prophets foretold has come. Won't you come and see?

B. Invitation