

Jesus Fulfilled Prophecy

Notice the many prophecies Jesus *fulfilled*, but *could not have controlled* (if He had been merely human). Especially notice *how many other people* were involved in His fulfillment of prophecy, even His enemies like the Herods. It was the farthest thing from their minds to help Jesus prove Himself to be the Messiah! (1 Corinthians 2:7-8)

John's role as a forerunner - Matthew 3:1-3 (Isaiah 40:3)

1 In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, 2 and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" 3 For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying: "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight.' "

Jesus' lineage – the son of David - Matthew 22:41-42; Acts 2:30-31 (2 Samuel 7:12-16)

12 When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 "He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 14 "I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men. 15 "But My mercy shall not depart from him, as I took *it* from Saul, whom I removed from before you. 16 "And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever.""

Jesus' tribe – Judah – Matthew 1:1-2; Hebrews 7:14 (Genesis 49:10)

The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor a lawgiver from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes; And to Him *shall be* the obedience of the people.

His mom's virginity; The name His parents gave Him - Matthew 1:21 (Isaiah 7:14)

"And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins." 22 So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, 23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."

The place of His birth – Bethlehem - Matthew 2:6 (Micah 5:2)

'But you, Bethlehem, *in* the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.' "

The place of His family's escape – Egypt - Matthew 2:15 (Hosea 11:1)

. . . and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called My Son."

Herod's massacre of the male children - Matthew 2:18 (Jeremiah 31:15)

"A voice was heard in Ramah, Lamentation, weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping *for* her children, Refusing to be comforted, Because they are no more."

The place in which His parents raised Him – Nazareth - Matthew 2:23 (Judges 13:5?)

And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

The children's praise of Him - Matthew 21:15-16 (Psalm 8:2)

The children [were] crying out in the temple and saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David . . .16 . . ." "Yes. Have you never read, 'Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have perfected praise'?"

The Jewish leaders' rejection of Him - Matthew 21:42 (Psalm 118:22-23)

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD's doing, And it is marvelous in our eyes'?"

The disciples' abandonment of Him - Matthew 26:31 (See also verses 54, 56) (Zechariah 13:7)

31 Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written: 'I will strike the Shepherd, And the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'"

Judas' use of the blood money - Matthew 27:1-10 (Jeremiah 32:6-9)

3 Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, . . . 9 Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the value of Him who was priced, whom they of the children of Israel priced, 10 "and gave them for the potter's field, as the LORD directed me."

Pilate's condemnation of Jesus with the thieves - Mark 15:27-28 (Isaiah 53:12)

27 With Him they also crucified two robbers, one on His right and the other on His left. 28 So the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "And He was numbered with the transgressors."

The soldiers' casting lots for His clothing - Matthew 27:35/John 19:24 (Psalm 22:18)

Then they crucified Him, and divided His garments, casting lots, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet: "They divided My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots."

The mode of His execution – crucifixion - Matt. 27:46 (Psalm 22:1)

Verses 6-8, scorn and ridicule (See Matt. 27:39-44)

Verses 14-17, the manner of death [**Note: Crucifixion had not been invented in the time of David.**]

Jesus' thirst and the offer of sour wine - John 19:28-29 (Psalm 22:15; 69:21)

After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!" 29 Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth.

The way to prove He had died – piercing - John 19:32-37 (Zechariah 12:10)

Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him. 33 But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. 34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. . . . 36 For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, "Not *one* of His bones shall be broken." 37 And again another Scripture says, "They shall look on Him whom they pierced." (See also Ex. 12:46; Num. 9:12; Psalm 34:20)

Summary concerning the "Passion" of Jesus - Acts 4:25-28

"Why did the nations rage, And the people plot vain things? 26 The kings of the earth took their stand, And the rulers were gathered together Against the LORD and against His Christ.' 27 "For truly against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together 28 "to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done.

The place He was buried – a rich man’s tomb - Mark 15:43-46 (Isaiah 53:9)

43 Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent council member, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, coming and taking courage, went in to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. . . 46 Then he bought fine linen, took Him down, and wrapped Him in the linen. And he laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock, and rolled a stone against the door of the tomb.

His resurrection - Acts 2:24-28 (Psalm 16:8-11)

... whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it. 25 "For David says concerning Him: 'I foresaw the LORD always before my face, For He is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken. 26 Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad; Moreover my flesh also will rest in hope. 27 For You will not leave my soul in Hades, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption. 28 You have made known to me the ways of life; You will make me full of joy in Your presence.'

His ascension - Acts 2:33-35 (See also Matthew 22:44) (Psalm 110:1)

"Being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear. 34 "For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself: 'The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, 35 Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.'"

His crushing of Satan – Galatians 4:4/Revelation 12:7-12 (Genesis 3:15)

And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."

His blessing to all nations - Acts 3:25 (Genesis 12:1-3)

You are sons of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying to Abraham, 'And in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

His similarities to Moses - Acts 3:22-23 (Deuteronomy 18:15)

"For Moses truly said to the fathers, 'The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you. 23 'And it shall be *that* every soul who will not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.'

His use of healing - Matthew 8:16-17 (Isaiah 53:4)

He cast out the spirits [demons] with a word, and healed all who were sick, 17 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "He Himself took our infirmities And bore our sicknesses."

Also notice things that Jesus had more direct control over:

His base of operation - Matthew 4:13-16 (Isaiah 9:1-2)

And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, 14 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: 15 "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: 16 The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light . . .

His meek temperament - Matthew 12:16-21 (Isaiah 42:1-4)

Yet He warned them not to make Him known, 17 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: 18 "Behold! My Servant whom I have chosen, My Beloved in whom My soul is well pleased! I will put My Spirit upon Him, And He will declare justice to the Gentiles. 19 He will not quarrel nor cry out, Nor will anyone hear His voice in the streets. 20 A bruised reed He will not break, And smoking flax He will not quench, Till He sends forth justice to victory; 21 And in His name Gentiles will trust."

His zeal - John 2:13-17 (Psalm 69:9)

13 Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14 And He found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the moneychangers doing business. 15 When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers' money and overturned the tables. 16 And He said to those who sold doves, "Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise!" 17 Then His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up."

His use of parables - Matthew 13:34-35 (Also verses 10-15) (Psalm 78:2)

34 All these things Jesus spoke to the multitude in parables; and without a parable He did not speak to them, 35 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: "I will open My mouth in parables; I will utter things kept secret from the foundation of the world."

His lowly, but triumphant entry into Jerusalem - Matthew 21:1-6 (Zechariah 9:9)

1 Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose them and bring them to Me. 3 "And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and immediately he will send them." 4 All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: 5 "Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your King is coming to you, Lowly, and sitting on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.'" 6 So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them.