



Birth of Jesus Christ

PROPHECY

Genesis 3:15
Isaiah 7:14
Micah 5:2-3

FULFILLMENT

Matthew 1:18-23
Matthew 1:18-23
Luke 2:4-7

Life of Jesus Christ

PROPHECY

Isaiah 42:6-7
Isaiah 49:6-7
Isaiah 61:1
Zechariah 9:9

FULFILLMENT

Luke 4:17-21
Acts 13:47, 15:6-18
Luke 4:17-21
Matthew 21:5-6

Death of Jesus Christ

PROPHECY

Isaiah 50:6-7
Isaiah 52:13- 53:12
Psalms 22:14-19
Psalms 69:19-21
Zechariah 12:10

FULFILLMENT

Mark 14:65
Luke 18:22
Matthew 26:1-75
Mark 15:1-47
Matthew 27:32-51
Mark 15:21-32
Matthew 27:34
John 19:32-37
John 20:25-27

Resurrection of Jesus Christ

PROPHECY

Psalms 16:8-11
Psalms 49:15
Isaiah 53:10-12

FULFILLMENT

John 20:14-30
1Corinthians 15:1-8
Matthew 28:1-10
1 Corinthians 15:1-8
Acts 1:8

The Way to have Eternal Life

- 1 **Where are you on this road?**
Romans 3:23 For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
- 2 **What will happen to you in eternity without Jesus?**
Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- 3 **What does Jesus tell us to do?**
John 3:3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."
- 4 **What has God done for me?**
John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.
- 5 **What is the way to eternal life?**
John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.
- 6 **How can I have eternal life?**
Romans 10:9 That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

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The Bible... Can we trust it?

Maybe you've asked these questions...
Can we prove the writings of the Bible to be true and accurate?

Is there any historical evidence about the Bible and Jesus of Nazareth?

Did the Bible predict the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ?

God Declared:
"Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I declare; Before they spring forth I tell you of them."
Isaiah 42:9

Biblical Prophecy is predicting specific events BEFORE they happen with COMPLETE ACCURACY.

Jesus of Nazareth fulfilled over 300 Old Testament prophecies concerning His birth, ministry, death and resurrection. It has been estimated that to fulfill only 48 of these prophecies would be statistically impossible. The probability of fulfilling 48 prophecies is 10^{157} .

Historical proofs that demonstrate these prophecies were written before the time of Christ:

THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS

Dated as early as 250 B.C.

Found in Israel in the 1940's, these scrolls contain portions of all the Old Testament books of the Bible with the exception of Esther.

THE SEPTUAGINT

A translation of the Hebrew Old Testament into Greek in approximately 250 B.C.

Historical proofs from sources outside the Bible to prove Jesus of Nazareth fulfilled these prophecies:

Historians of the 1st Century

FLAVIUS JOSEPHUS

A Jewish historian who was employed by the Romans in the 1st Century (approximately 70 A.D.) wrote about Jesus of Nazareth. In his writings, Antiquities of the Jews, Book 18, chapter 3, he writes about the death and resurrection of Jesus.

TACITUS

A Roman historian of the 1st Century (the Tacitus Annals, Loeb edition 15.44) also confirms that Jesus of Nazareth was sentenced to death under Pontius Pilate.

Historical proof from Jewish writings:

THE JEWISH TALMUD

A Jewish commentary on previous Rabbinic traditions, the Talmud compiled between 200-400 A.D. contains references to Jesus of Nazareth.

Two such references are:

Rabbi Gamaliel: of the 1st Century (Acts 5:34) confirms the biblical Jesus of Nazareth. ("Talmud confirms early Gospel of Matthew" by Neil Altman, *Toronto Star*, 12/30/03).

Sanhedrin 43a contains a reference to the death of Jesus during the Passover.

Four Specific Prophecies

① Isaiah 52:13-53:12

A prophecy of the Messiah

Written by the prophet Isaiah around 700 B.C.

Fulfillment: by Jesus of Nazareth 32 A.D.

1st Century eyewitness accounts. Matthew 26:1-75, Mark 15: 1-47, John 19:1-42

Historical Evidence: Dead Sea Scrolls, Septuagint, Josephus, Tacitus and the Talmud.

Isaiah 52:14 Just as many were astonished at you, So His visage was marred more than any man, And His form more than the sons of men;

Isaiah 53:5-6 But He was wounded (pierced) for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

② Psalm 22:14-19

A prophecy of the Messiah that describes the crucifixion and the events that lead up to the death of Christ

Written by King David in approximately 1000 B.C.

Fulfillment: 32 A.D. in the four Gospels,

Matthew 27:31-38, Mark 15:20-29, Luke 23:32-36, John 19:23-37

Historical Evidence: Dead Sea Scrolls, Septuagint, Josephus, Tacitus and the Talmud.

Psalm 22:14-19 I am poured out like water, And all My bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax; It has melted within Me. My strength is dried up like a potsherd, And My tongue clings to My jaws; You have brought Me to the dust of death. For dogs have surrounded Me; The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. They pierced My hands and My feet; I can count all My bones. They look and stare at Me. They divide My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots. But You, O LORD, do not be far from Me; O My Strength, hasten to help Me!

③ Zechariah 9:9

A prophecy of the Messiah who would come to Israel

Written by the prophet Zechariah in approximately 520 B.C.

Fulfillment: 32 A.D. by Jesus of Nazareth in Matthew 21:5

Historical Evidence: Dead Sea Scrolls, Septuagint and the Talmud.

Zechariah 9:9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.

④ Psalm 16:8-11

A prophecy of the resurrection of the Messiah

Written by King David in approximately 1000 B.C.

Fulfillment: 32 A.D. by Jesus of Nazareth in John 20:14-30

Historical Evidence: Dead Sea Scrolls, Septuagint, Josephus.

Psalm 16:10 For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.

