

INTRODUCTION

- * We have spent the first five weeks of our study of Luke's account of the life and ministry of Jesus the Christ, examining the preliminary events leading up to His life and ministry! We have seen how God sent Gabriel to both Zacharias and Mary declaring that God was going to bless them and use them in fulfilling His redemptive plan.
- * Last week, we considered the birth and naming of John. In that message, we considered the importance of John's miraculous birth as a sign, and testimony, to validate Jesus' as the coming Messiah.
- * However, apart from John's miraculous birth, there were many prophecies which would be fulfilled in the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus which substantially validate His claim as the Messiah.
- * Today, as we begin to consider chapter 2 of Luke's account, it begins with the phrase, "And it came to pass in those days ..." From the world's perspective things just seem to happen. However, from a theocentric understanding, we understand that God is, and has been, orchestrating His redemptive plan throughout course of human history. "History" truly can be seen as: "His Story."
- * Hence, I would like to pause today to take a "small glimpse" into the many prophecies which Jesus fulfilled. As we will see shortly, the mathematical probability that any one individual fulfilling these prophecies is astronomical, and practically unfeasible.

INSTRUCTION**I. PROPHECIES REGARDING THE B_____ OF CHRIST (cf. Galatians 4:3-7)****A. Regarding the L_____ (cf. Matthew 1:1-17; Luke 2:23-38)**

- * FROM ADAM (cf. Genesis 3:15)
- * FROM ABRAHAM (cf. Genesis 12:1-3; Genesis 22:18)
- * FROM ISAAC (cf. Genesis 17:19,21; Genesis 26:4)
- * FROM JACOB (cf. Genesis 28:13-14; Numbers 24:17)
- * FROM JUDAH (cf. Genesis 49:10)
- * FROM DAVID (cf. 2 Samuel 7:12-13; Isaiah 9:6-7)

B. Regarding the L_____

- * OF HIS BIRTH (cf. Micah 5:2; cf. Luke 2:1-7)
- * OF HIS FLIGHT (cf. Jeremiah 31:15; Hosea 11:1; cf. Matt 2:13-20)
- * OF HIS GROWING UP (cf. Isaiah 11:1; cf. Matthew 2:23; Luke 1:26; 2:4)

C. Regarding the M_____ (cf. Isaiah 7:14; cf. Matt 1:18-25; cf. Luke 1:26-38)**D. Regarding the M_____ (cf. Psalm 72:8-14; Isaiah 60:6 ; cf. Matt 2:1-12)****II. PROPHECIES REGARDING THE M_____ OF CHRIST (cf. Mark 1:14-15)****A. His F_____ (cf. Malachi 3:1; Isaiah 40:3,5; cf. Matt 3:1-3; Mark 1:2-5; Luke 3:2-6; John 1:14,23)****B. His M_____ (cf. Isaiah 61:1-2; cf. Luke 4:18; Matthew 11:1-5)****III. PROPHECIES REGARDING THE D_____ OF CHRIST****A. His E_____ (cf. Exodus 12:3; Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:22-27; cf. Jn 12:1, 12-16; Mt 21:1-9; Mk 11:1-11)****B. His B_____ (cf. Psalm 41:9; Zechariah 11:12-13; Zechariah 13:6; cf. John 13:18-27; Matt 26:14-16; 27:3-10)****C. His D_____**

- * cf. Psalm 22:1; 22:6-8; 22:14-18; Zechariah 12:10 ... cf. Numbers 9:11-12; Psalms 34:19-20 ... cf. Isaiah 53:3-9; Daniel 9:24-26
- * cf. Matthew 26:47-27:2; 27:27-50; Mark 14:53-65; 15:1-5; 15:33-41; Luke 23:32-35,50-55; John 19:1-6; 23-24,28-42)

D. His R_____ (Psalm 16:10; Isaiah 53:10; cf. Acts 2:27-31; 3:14; 13:35-38)**IV. PROPHECIES REGARDING THE R_____ OF CHRIST****A. Declared By The P_____ (cf. Zechariah 12:10; Daniel 7:13-14; 9:24-27)****B. Declared By The M_____ (cf. John 14:1-3; Matthew 24:29-44; Mark 13:24-27; Acts 1:7)****C. Declared By The A_____ (cf. Acts 1:9-11)****D. Declared By The A_____ (cf. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 2 Peter 3:1-10; 1 John 3:1-3; Revelation 1:7)****INTROSPECTION**

- * How do you view events which are happening - even today? Is God in control?
- * Do you truly believe that Jesus is going to return one day? Could it be today?
- * How does believing that God is sovereign over the affairs of men affect your decision making?
- * Is there a need to change the way you think and therefore the way you act?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * How do we balance living "wholeheartedly" in the world while still believing that prophecy may be fulfilled in my lifetime?