

The Value of Believing in Jesus

- *Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins." Jn. 8:24*
- *And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day." Jn. 6:39-40*
- *But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: Jn. 1:12*

Jesus the Son of God – by Prophecy

- One of the most unique qualities about the Bible is prophecy. A huge risk on a human level
- *when a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the thing does not happen or come to pass, that is the thing which the Lord has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him. Deut 18:22*
- An entire book disqualified if one prophecy fails
- Prophecy alone is powerful enough to convince:
 - 1 There is a God
 - 2 The Bible is God's Word
 - 3 Jesus is the Son of God.

The Coming Messiah

- Messiah = Hebrew for “*the anointed one*”
- God anointed prophets, priests and kings.
- Christ = Greek for “*the anointed one*”
- *Messiah Christ Anointed One = God’s Chosen One*
- God began revealing this coming Messiah all the at the beginning in the garden of Eden

The First Was Directed to The Serpent

- *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."*

Gen 3:15

- Fulfillment:

- *Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that **through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.** Heb 2:14-15*

Abundant Testimony: Fulfilled

- *And **the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly**. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Rom 16:20*
- *he hath taken it out of the way, nailing it to the cross; **15 having despoiled the principalities and the powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.** Col 2:14-15*
- *And he said unto them, **I beheld Satan fallen as lightning from heaven.** Luke 10:18*
- *And **the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone**, where are also the beast and the false prophet; and they shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. Rev 20:10*

The Covenant with Abraham

- *"Get out of your country, From your family*
- *And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you. Gen 12:1-3;*
- Once Abraham left his country and came to the land of Canaan, this covenant was sealed.
- *I will **make you a great nation**; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And **in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.**"*

God Bound Himself by an Oath

- After Abraham offered Isaac God swore an oath
- *I give all these lands, and **I will perform the oath which I swore to Abraham your father.** 4 And I will make your descendants multiply as the stars of heaven; I will give to your descendants all these lands; and **in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed;** Gen 26:3-5*
- *Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He **does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "And to your Seed," who is Christ.** Gen. 22:18-19; Gal. 3:16-17*
- Spoken about 2000 years before fulfillment

The Seed Narrowed to David

- *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. 2 Sam 7:12-14*
- *The Lord has sworn in truth to David; He will not turn from it: "I will set upon your throne the fruit of your body. Ps 132:11*
- *From this man's seed, according to the promise, God raised up for Israel a Savior — Jesus—
Acts 13:23-24*
- Spoken about 1000 years before fulfillment

Mary: Daughter of Abraham & David

- *And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. 32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. 33 And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." Luke 1:31-33*
- The genealogies in Mt 1:1-17 and Luke 3:23-28 record the ancestry of both Joseph and Mary.
- Both were born through Abraham and David!

“In the Days of those Kings”

- you are this **head of gold. (Babylon)** 39 But after you shall arise **another kingdom (Medo-Persia)** inferior to yours; then another, **a third kingdom of bronze, (Alexander the Great)** which shall rule over all the earth. 40 And **the fourth kingdom (Rome)** ...44 And **in the days of these kings** the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; Dan. 2:38-40; 44
- Through Daniel about 600 years before, the next 3 World empires after Babylon are described. Christ will come and set up His kingdom in the 4th.

In The Days of those Kings

- *The ram which you saw, having the two horns — they are the kings of Media and Persia. 21 And the male goat is the kingdom of Greece. The large horn that is between its eyes is the first king. 22 As for the broken horn and the four that stood up in its place, four kingdoms shall arise out of that nation, Dan 8:20-22*
- Rome became an empire in 27 BC.
- Jerusalem destroyed in 70 AD



• 27 BC

33 AD

70 AD

Time Would Fail Me to Speak of ...

- City of Birth: Bethlehem Mt. 2:4-6
- Mistreated and put to death. Isa 53
- Born of a Virgin. Isa 7:14; Friend would betray Ps 41:9
- 30 Pieces of Silver Zech 11:12 Sentenced to die. Isa 53:9
- Stripes Given. Isa 53:4-5 Mocked and Insulted Ps 22:6-8
- Money returned/Potters Field Zech 11:12-13
- Accused by False Witnesses Ps 27:12
- Silent when accused. Ps 53:7
- Betrayed for 30 pieces of silver Zech. 11:12
- Smitten, Spat upon. Is 50:6
- Die with Sinners Isa 53:9
- Hands and Feet Pierced. Ps 22:16
- No Bones Broken Ps 34:20
- Lots cast for Garments Ps 22:18
- Buried with the rich. Isa 53:9

The Last Word – 440 bc

- *Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. 6 And he will turn The hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.* “ Mal 4:5-6
- *Behold, I send My messenger, And he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, Will suddenly come to His temple, Even the Messenger of the covenant, In whom you delight. Behold, He is coming, Says the Lord of hosts. Mal 3:1*

Luke: A True Historian (Inspired)

- *Inasmuch as many have taken in hand to set in order a narrative of those things which have been fulfilled among us, 2 just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word delivered them to us, 3 it seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write to you an orderly account, most excellent Theophilus, 4 that you may know the certainty of those things in which you were instructed. Luke 1:1-4*
- Luke did exactly what we would want done. He interviewed all the witnesses and gave an unbiased account (inspired) of Jesus' life.

Luke's Interviews Start: John's Birth

- He spoke with those who were present and found out exactly what had happened 30 years earlier than the other gospels.
- Gabriel sent to Zacharias in the Temple **Lk 1:1-23**
- Many devout people witnessed Stayed so long they were astonished. When came out he can't speak. Does not speak until the birth of John
- Expectations Continue to Grow **Lk. 1:57-80**
- Birth of John. Witnessed by all who were present. After Zacharias obeyed Gabriel the sign was completed. Zacharias begins to speak again.

People Talking & Wondering

- *Then fear came on all who dwelt around them; and all these sayings were discussed throughout all the hill country of Judea. 66 And all those who heard them kept them in their hearts, saying, "What kind of child will this be?" And the hand of the Lord was with him. **Lk. 1:55-56***

Luke' Interviews: Jesus Birth

- Gabriel Sent to Mary **Lk 1:26-38**
- Only Gabriel and Mary.
- May not have come out until Luke wrote it
- Joseph told in a dream. Mt 1:18-25
- Mary comes to Bethlehem **Lk. 1:1-7**
- Angels announce birth to Shepherds. **Lk 2:8-20**
- Shepherds first tell Mary and Joseph, then whoever will listen!

The Effects of John's Birth

- *Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. 18 And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds. 19 But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart. 20 Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them. **Lk 2:17-20***

Coming of the Wise Men

- The visit of the wise men Mt 2:1-12
- Came to Jerusalem with a single question
- Where is the king of the Jews to be born?
- After careful search: Bethlehem
- Herod's massacre made it something everyone would hear about.

Jerusalem in an Uproar!

- *Now after Jesus was born n Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 2 saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him." 3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. Mt. 2:1-4*

Think of How This News Would Spread!

- Herod's massacre made it something everyone would hear about.
- *Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men. Mt. 2:16-17*

The People are In Expectation

- The Temple: Zacharias Sees a Vision
- Zacharias Home in Judea: John's birth
- These saying kept in heart and they watched
- The Shepherds are proclaiming the Birth
- In the Temple, Anna is speaking to all
- In Jerusalem: the Wise men come and proclaim the king of the Jews is born.
- In Bethlehem (probably slowly throughout the entire world), Herod's Massacre was discussed: Why did he do it? He thought the king of the Jews had been born!

- *Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins." Jn. 8:24*
- *If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of God which He has testified of His Son.*
- *10 He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son.*
- *11 And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. 1 John 5:9-13*