

THAT IT MIGHT BE FULFILLED

Jesus fulfilled prophecies made long before His birth, life, death and resurrection, and give us future hope.

KEY POINTS

- ❖ Jesus' journey in human flesh fulfilled one prophecy after another – prophecies proclaimed centuries before the miraculous birth we celebrate every year.
- ❖ Reviewing just a few examples of 'prophecies fulfilled' can motivate us to search for more. And we can be reassured that *God's Word can be trusted*.
- ❖ Even before Jesus was born it was clear He was a child of promise. Matthew records:
...an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." So all this was done **that it might be fulfilled** which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us." (Matthew 1:20-23) [Isaiah 7:14]
- ❖ As an infant, Jesus continued to fulfill prophecy. Now...an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt..." When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, 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." (Matt. 2:13-15) [Hosea 11:1]
- ❖ About Jesus as a young adult, Matthew relates this: And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, **that it might be fulfilled** which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali...The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned." (Matthew 4:13-16) [Isaiah 9:1-2]
- ❖ Jesus, in that same period of time, proclaimed Himself to be the fulfillment of a prophecy:
And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say to them, "**Today this Scripture is fulfilled** in your hearing. (Luke 4:17-21) [Is. 61:1-2]

KEY SCRIPTURES:

Matthew 1:20-23, Isaiah 7:14

- ❖ A few short years later as, Jesus was nearing the end of His human existence, more and more prophecies 'came to pass.'
All this was done **that it might be fulfilled** which was spoken by the prophet, saying: "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.'" So... They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set Him on them. (Matt. 21:4-7) [Zechariah 9:9]
- ❖ Just prior to His arrest Jesus foretold His 12 "inner-circle" disciples that "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 will be scattered.'" (Mk. 14:27) [Zech. 13:7]
- ❖ Later that evening as He was being arrested, Jesus referenced the body of prophecy concerning Himself, and His disciples **fulfilled Zechariah 13:7**: "But all this was done **that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled**.' Then all the disciples forsook Him and fled" (Matt. 26:56).
- ❖ Even as He hung on the cross dying in our place, He continued to 'confirm the Word'.
With Him they also crucified two robbers, one on His right and the other on His left. So **the Scripture was fulfilled** which says, "And He was numbered with the transgressors." (Mk 15:27-28) [Is. 53:12]
But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. For these things were done **that the Scripture should be fulfilled**, "Not one of His bones shall be broken." And again another Scripture says, "They shall look on Him whom they pierced." (John 19:33-34, 36-37) [Psalm 34:20; Zech. 12:10]
- ❖ As we celebrate His birth and remember His life, death and resurrection, we can also look forward in hope. **His Word will be fulfilled**.

DISCUSSION/REFLECTION TOOLS

1. Do a New Testament search for "fulfilled" and reflect on prophecies/promises fulfilled within the Bible. How do these examples give you

PRAYER TIME

Lord, thank You for Your words that I can "stand firmly" on and know that they will come to pass.

WEEK OF SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2020

NOTES

Meditate as you read through/listen to this week's message. If it helps, use symbols for your notes.

✓ (Reminds me/Confirms) 💡 (New idea) ☁️ (Think about)

! (Do this) ❤️ (Speaks to my heart) ↔️ (Must share)

PRAYER NEEDS/THANKSGIVINGS

Go deeper with your Life Group family.
CONNECT-REFLECT-DISSECT THE WORD
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Start-up: If a New Year's Resolution is a promise to yourself, how many promises have you broken over the years?



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❁ Last 20/20 of 2020: the "Year of Vision" – did the *virus* derail your *vision* or focus it more steadily on things that truly matter?

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FAITH FOUNDATIONS

GOD

We believe there is only one God: the eternal, holy, loving, all-knowing, all-powerful, omnipresent Spirit, creator of all (Deuteronomy 6:4; 1 Timothy 1:17; Leviticus 19:2; 1 John 4:8; Hebrews 4:13; Revelation 19:6; Jeremiah 23:24; John 4:24; Isaiah 44:24; Colossians 1:16).

GOD'S WORD

We believe the Holy Scriptures—The Bible—is God's true and complete Word to humanity, verified most notably through fulfilled prophecies concerning Jesus Christ (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Isaiah 41:21-23, 42:8-9, 46:9-10; Luke 24:25-27; John 17:17).

GOD'S CREATION

We believe all people were created in the image of God for His pleasure, to be His children, His church and His bride, living in eternal love and fellowship with Him (Revelation 4:1; Genesis 1:27; John 1:12-13; Romans 8:16; Ephesians 5:25-32; Revelation 19:7).

HUMANITY'S FALL

We acknowledge that we have all sinned and failed to fulfill God's plan and purpose for our lives, through willful disobedience to the word of God and our own conscience. All sinful acts lead to separation and alienation from God's pure, holy presence, eventually resulting in both physical and spiritual death (Romans 3:23, 6:23a).

THE GOSPEL

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Almighty God, fully divine and fully human (1 Timothy 3:16). He came to Earth and suffered death by crucifixion, willingly substituting Himself for us in receiving God's judgment against sin (Isaiah 53:5). But God raised Him from death (Acts 5:30), and He now offers eternal life to all who will believe in Him (John 3:14-17, 6:29; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; Romans 6:23b; Ephesians 2:4-9). Faith is sparked within us when we hear the gospel, the "good news" that Jesus died, was buried and rose from the dead for our benefit (Romans 10:14-17; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

OUR FAITH RESPONSE

Hearing the gospel is intended to lead us to repentance, a divinely inspired change of heart that causes us to turn away from our sins and turn to God (2 Corinthians 7:9-10; 2 Timothy 2:24-26). Faith and repentance lead us to obey the scriptural command to be baptized in Jesus' name for the forgiveness of our sins and to receive His gift of the Holy Spirit. His Spirit gives us the power to live a righteous, godly life, joyfully sharing the good news of our new life in Christ with others (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38, 4:12; 1 Peter 1:22-23).

CHRIST'S RETURN

We believe our Lord Jesus Christ will soon return to Earth to receive His people to Himself and establish His righteous, eternal kingdom (John 14:3; Matthew 25:34).

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*"And we declare to you glad tidings—that promise which was made to the fathers.
33 God has fulfilled this for us their children...."
Acts 13:32-33a NKJV*

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