Jesus: The Messiah of Prophecy

Ken Chapman · 1 Peter 1:8–11

INTRODUCTION

- What we want to do this morning is just take a journey through the prophets and through the prophecy of Jesus.
- Messiah is the Old Testament word. Christ is the New Testament word, and they are both translations of a word that mean the anointed one.

1 The Prophets and the Angels Wanted to Know

1 Peter 1:8–11

- Of this salvation, the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you.
- We did not see the Christ, but we love him, and we believe in him to a large part because he is the fulfillment of those prophecies.
- And so the prophets of old wanted to know. The angels wanted to know.

2 The Messianic Anticipation in the First Century

Luke 2:36–38; John 1:45

- We cannot fully appreciate the messianic anticipation that existed in the first century.
- She gave thanks to the Lord and spoke of him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem.
- We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of Joseph.

3 Going Back to When the Puzzle Was Being Assembled

Genesis 12:3; Numbers 24:17; Genesis 49:10

- Almost as soon as sin had reared its ugly head on this planet, a promise was spoken to this planet of a solution.
- I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed, and he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.
- A star shall come out of Jacob. A scepter shall rise out of Israel.
- Not only will he be of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, not just of the tribe of Judah, but he'll be an heir to David and to the throne of David.

4 Pieces of the Puzzle That Puzzle Us

Micah 5:2; Psalm 78:2; Isaiah 61:1

- But you, Bethlehem, Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet one of you shall come forth to me, the one to be the ruler in Israel.

- Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and you shall call his name Emmanuel.
- He will come in flesh, but he will be God in the flesh.
- This child that would be born in all places of Bethlehem and of all ways by a virgin would become a prophet.
- And not only would he be a great teacher, but he would heal.

5 Not Every Piece of the Puzzle Is Pretty

Psalm 41:9; Zechariah 11:12; Isaiah 53:12

- A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from him.
- Even my own familiar friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted up his heel against me.
- That he would be rejected by men, betrayed by a friend for thirty pieces of silver, and would be numbered among the transgressors.
- But they belong in the puzzle. And without them we would never have the full portrayal of the Messiah.
- He did so willingly, because at any time he could have called ten thousand angels to stop the assembly of this beautiful picture.

6 But There's Light to Come

- You will not leave my soul in Sheol, nor will you allow your holy one to see corruption.
- That wasn't the last piece of the puzzle. Him being killed and laid in a tomb. There was more.
- Behold, one like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He came to the ancient of days.
- That's the picture of the Messiah. And it's now complete.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Would you be a part of that glorious kingdom? And would you be buried and rise again in baptism? So that when this life is over, you will rise again and ascend as he did to receive the glory of that kingdom.**

MY NOTES