

## 16 Key Old Testament Prophecies Fulfilled in Jesus Christ

### **Luke 24:44-45**

After His resurrection Jesus appeared to His disciples. He said to them, “These are my words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”

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#### **1 Virgin Birth - Matthew 1:18-23**

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel. (Isaiah 7:14)

#### **2 Born in Bethlehem - Matthew 2:1-6**

But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel. (Micah 5:2)

#### **3 Will be in Egypt – Matthew 2:13-15**

Out of Egypt I called My Son (Hosea 11:1)

#### **4 Ministry in Galilee – Light in Darkness Matthew 4:12-16**

But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. (Isaiah 9:1-2)

#### **5 Healing and Preaching Ministry – Matthew 8:14-17, 11:1-6; Luke 4:16-21**

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. (Isaiah 53:4) Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. (Isaiah 35:5-6) The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and open the prison to those who are bound (Isaiah 61:1)

#### **6 Taught in Parables – Matthew 13:33-35**

I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things hidden from the beginning (Psalm 78:2)

#### **7 Arrived on a Donkey – Matthew 21:1-11**

Rejoice greatly, daughter of Zion! Shout in triumph, daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; He is righteous and endowed with salvation, Humble, and mounted on a donkey. (Zechariah 9:9) Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD; We have blessed you from the house of the LORD. (Psalm 118:26)

**8 Betrayal for 30 Pieces of Silver – Matthew 26:14-25; 27:3-10**

Then I said to them, “If it seems good to you, give me my wages; but if not, keep them.” And they weighed out as my wages thirty pieces of silver. Then the LORD said to me, “Throw it to the potter”—the lordly price at which I was priced by them. So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them into the house of the LORD, to the potter. (Zechariah 11:12-13) Even my close friend in whom I trusted...has lifted his heel against me. (Psalm 41:9)

**9 Peter’s Denial and Followers Scatter – Matthew 26:30-34, 56, 69-75**

Strike the Shepherd and the sheep will be scattered. (Zechariah 13:7)

**10 Spat Upon, Struck, Mocked – Matthew 26:67-68, 27:29-31**

I gave My back to those who strike Me, And My cheeks to those who pull out My beard; I did not hide My face from insults and spitting. (Isaiah 50:6)

**11 Forsaken – Matthew 27:46**

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? (Psalm 22:1)

**12 Given Vinegar to Drink – Matthew 27:34; John 19:28-29**

They also gave me a bitter herb in my food, And for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink. (Psalm 69:21)

**13 Cast Lots for His Clothes – Matthew 27:35**

They divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots. (Psalm 22:18)

**14 Did not break bones – John 19:31-37**

He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken. (Psalm 34:20)

**15 Pierced Side – John 19:31-37**

And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on me, on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn. (Zechariah 12:10)

**16 Buried in a Rich Man’s Tomb – Matthew 27:57-60**

And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. (Isaiah 53:9)

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Bible Scholars believe there are over 300 Old Testament prophecies that were fulfilled by Jesus.

*“You search the Scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is these that bear witness of Me” (Jn. 5:39)*

## Peter Stoner's Calculation

In his book, 'Science Speaks' Peter Stoner explored the mathematical probability that Jesus was the Christ by looking at eight of the best known prophecies about the Messiah, and calculated the odds of their accidental fulfillment in one person.

Stoner's conclusion was that the probability of all 8 of these prophecies being fulfilled accidentally in the life of one person is 1 in 10 to the 17th power, or 1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000. That's one in one hundred quadrillion! And this is the fulfillment of only eight prophecies. Stoner used the following illustration:

*Stoner writes, "...we take  $10^{17}$  silver dollars and lay them on the face of Texas. They will cover the state two feet deep. Now mark one of these silver dollars and stir the whole mass thoroughly. Blindfold a man and tell him that he must pick up one silver dollar and say that this is the right one. What chance would he have of getting the right one? Just the same chance that the prophets would have had of writing just eight prophecies and having them all come true in any one man, from their day to the present time, providing they wrote in their own wisdom."*<sup>1</sup>

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