

The Christ Before Christmas: Lesson Three

Review: The Promise and Person of the Coming Christ

The Promise- God worked faithfully and intentionally throughout history to prepare for the coming of Jesus, the Christ to save a people and to undo the effects of the fall in all creation. Luke 24:25–27

The Person- The Eternal Son who was truly God and enjoyed complete satisfaction in the Trinity took on flesh and came into the world. Galatians 4:4–5

Prophet, Priest and King- All anointed. Christ means anointed.

Prophet- Speak God's Word and represent Him. Jesus is the Word and His Word is Life. John 1:1

Priest- Mediate between God and man. Hebrews 2:17–18

King- Rule over us and defeat all his and our enemies. 1 Corinthians 15:25–26

Prophecies of the Coming Christ

Isaiah 7:14 (ESV) Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

See- Matthew 1:19–23 “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

Micah 5:2 (ESV) But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.

Matthew 2:1–6 (ESV) Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king,

Micah 5:4 (ESV) And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.

John 10:11–15 (ESV) I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

Isaiah 40:3–5 (ESV) A voice cries: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

John 1:22–23 (ESV) So they said to him, “Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” ²³ He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as the prophet Isaiah said.”

Hosea 11:1 (ESV) When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.

Matthew 2:14–15 (ESV) And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt

Psalm 40:6–8 (ESV) In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required. Then I said, "Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me: I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."

Hebrews 10:4–7 (ESV) For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.' "

Isaiah 9:1 (ESV) 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.

Matthew 4:12–14 (ESV) Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³ And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

Isaiah 35:5–6 (ESV) 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. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;

Matthew 11:2–5 (ESV) Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³ and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" ⁴ And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵ the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them."

Zechariah 9:9 (ESV) Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Triumphal Entry

Leviticus 17:11 (ESV) For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it for you on the altar to make atonement for your souls, for it is the blood that makes atonement by the life.

Matthew 26:28 (ESV) For this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Psalm 41:9 (ESV) Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.

John 13:18 (ESV) I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled, 'He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.'

Psalm 22 and Crucifixion

Apologetics. Prophecies are a type of miracle and a sign that Jesus is who the Bible claims he is.

Prophecies fulfilled show the plan of God and power of God. God prepared the way for the coming of Jesus so we would know his nature and his work.