

**PURPOSE OF STUDY:** To show from Scripture that the historical Jesus of Nazareth was indeed the promised Messiah, Christ, Son of God and Savior of the World.

**TEXTS:**

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| 1. LK 24:25-27 (AC 18:28)       | 7. JN 19:31-36 (EX 12:43-46)         |
| 2. MT 1:18-25 (IS 7:14)         | 8. IS 53:7-11                        |
| 3. MT 2:1-6 (MIC 5:2; HEB 7:14) | a. MT 26:62-63; 27:12-14 (v. 7)      |
| 4. LK 4:16-21 (IS 61:1-2)       | b. MT 27:38, 57-60 (v. 9) (LK 23:53) |
| 5. ZEC 11:12-13; MT 27:3-10     | c. LK 23:42-43 (v. 11)               |
| 6. PS 22:6-8, 16-18             | 9. JN 1:45                           |
| a. MT 27:31 (v. 16)             |                                      |
| b. MT 27:35 (v. 18) (JN 19:23)  |                                      |
| c. MT 27:39-43 (vs. 6-8)        |                                      |

**THE STUDY:**

- In a world with so many religious opinions and viewpoints, how can we be certain that the historical Jesus of Nazareth was the Messiah that God promised to send? LK 24:25-27 (AC 18:28)**  
*The New Testament evangelists showed “from the Scriptures that Jesus is the Christ”. In the same way, God wants us to have confidence through the study of the prophecies of the Old Testament Scriptures that the claims of Jesus of Nazareth were true.*
- What did the Bible foretell about the nature of Christ’s birth? MT 1:18-25 (IS 7:14)**  
*He would be born of a virgin, and this would be a sign. In Mt. 1:18-25, Matthew cites the virgin birth as a fulfillment of the prophecy of Isaiah 7:14. [Isaiah’s prophecy was written about 700 B.C.](#)*
- Where was the Messiah to be born, and from which tribe of Israel? MT 2:1-6 (MIC 5:2; HEB 7:14)**  
*Most people know that Jesus was born in Bethlehem, but not many people realize that [the prophet Micah foretold Bethlehem as the birthplace of the Messiah nearly 750 years before Jesus was born!](#) It was also foretold that the Messiah would come from the tribe of Judah (“of the house and line of David”).*
- Was the manner of His ministry foretold? LK 4:16-21 (IS 61:1-2)**  
*While many of the Jews were expecting the Messiah to be a strong military leader, the prophetic description of Messiah’s work was of a very different character. [Isaiah’s prophecy, describing the Messiah’s ministry as one of healing, comforting, consoling and good news, was quoted by Jesus as being fulfilled by His earthly ministry. Again, Isaiah prophesied about 700 years before Christ.](#)*
- Does the Bible foretell how the Messiah would be betrayed? ZEC 11:12-13; MT 27:3-10**  
*In an amazingly detailed prophecy, the Bible foretells the amount of the betrayal – 30 pieces of silver; where the money would be thrown – into the temple; and what the money would finally be used for – to buy a potter’s field. Note that the prophecy doesn’t just say the money would go to the potter, but that it must first pass through the channel of the temple! The striking fulfillment is recorded in Matthew 27:3-10 (for questions on Matthew citing Jeremiah instead of Zechariah, see note at end of study). [Zechariah’s prophecy was written about 500 B.C.](#)*
- Did the prophets foretell what kind of death the Messiah would die? PS 22:6-8, 16-18**
  - He would die by Roman crucifixion – MT 27:31 (v. 16)**  
*Crucifixion as performed by Roman soldiers was unheard of when [David wrote this Psalm 1000 years earlier.](#) It was clearly pointing forward to the death of Jesus on the cross of Calvary.*

