

## Jesus in Prophecy

(Matthew 11:3-5)

- Introduction:
1. In my opinion, there is no greater “faith-builder” than fulfilled prophecy.
  2. The Old Testament has many unmistakable prophecies about the person of Jesus, long before he was ever born.
  3. I’d like to share a few of those with you in this lesson in hopes that it strengthens your faith.

### I. The Marks of Real Prophecy

- A. It must be detailed.
  1. Nostradamus – Lived in the 1500s and made over 6000 prophecies.
  2. But note how vague they were – “From on high, evil will fall on the great man” – Allegedly the assassination of John F. Kennedy.
- B. It must always come to pass.
  1. Jeane Dixon – 20<sup>th</sup> century psychic.
  2. She made many predictions and missed many. For instance, Russia would be the first on the moon and Nixon would not resign.
  3. (Deuteronomy 18:22).
- C. It must be free from historical hints.

### II. Consider These Prophecies of Jesus

- A. Born of a woman (Genesis 3:15; Isaiah 7:14 – Matthew 1:20, Galatians 4:4).
- B. Born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2 – Matthew 2:1; John 7:41-42).
- C. He would have a forerunner (Malachi 3:1 – Matthew 11:10).
- D. He would be crucified (Psalm 22:13-18 – Matthew 27:35, 39-44; John 20:25).
- E. He would die with criminals (Isaiah 53:12 – Mark 15:27-28).
- F. Soldiers would gamble for his clothes (Psalm 22:17-18 – Matthew 27:35-36).
- G. He would be buried with the rich (Isaiah 53:9 – Matthew 27:57-60).
- H. He would be resurrected (Psalm 16:10; 49:15 – Mark 16:6-7).

- Conclusion:
1. These are just eight of over approximately 300 prophecies in the Old Testament about Jesus.
  2. There is enough detail here, with no historical hints, that one should come to faith in Jesus or have their faith in Jesus strengthened.
  3. If Jesus was who he claimed to be, then we had better do what he told us to do.