

Title: Jesus, Man for all time
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1. Messianic prophecy

Isaiah 9:6-7

⁶ For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

Isaiah 11:1-5

¹ There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots.² The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD. ³ His delight is in the fear of the LORD, And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears; ⁴ But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, And decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked. ⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, And faithfulness the belt of His waist

2. Fulfillment

Luke 1:26-38

²⁶ Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!" ²⁹ But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. ³⁰ Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. ³³ And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴ Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" ³⁵ And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. ³⁶ Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. ³⁷ For with God nothing will be impossible." ³⁸ Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

3. Historic background

- a) Palestine was a troublesome Roman province.
- b) Worn down by poverty.
- c) Tyrannical ruler Herod, puppet of Romans.
- d) Zealots were talking revolution.
- e) Greek philosophy was infecting Jewish religion.
- f) Judaism was torn by bitter rivalry.
- g) Jews expected the Messiah to come, but were hardly prepared for a Messiah like Jesus.
- h) Most Jews in Palestine knew nothing about Christ's birth, only some wise men from the east knew.
- i) Matthew and Luke recorded that Jesus was born of the virgin Mary by the Holy Spirit.
- j) Gospels record His ministry, crucifixion, resurrection and ascension.

4. The pre-eminence of Christ

In universal government:

a) The visible image of God

Colossians 1:15

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

b) Agent of creation