

Jesus the Fulfillment of the Old Testament Prophets

John 5:30-47

Introduction: The healing at Bethesda was a turning point...a watershed moment. The Jews used it as righteous justification to kill Jesus for breaking their Sabbath laws and claiming to be equal with God. Instead of backing down, Jesus made some stunning claims. Jesus used it to reveal six glorious truths about His true identity and mission.

Jesus's Six Great Claims (vs. 17-30)

I am Equal with God (vs. 17-20)

I am the Giver of Life (vs. 21, 26)

I am the Final Judge (vs. 22-23)

I am the Determiner of Man's Final Destiny (vs. 24)

I am the One who will Raise the Dead (vs. 25-29)

I am the One who is Always Doing God's Will (vs. 30)

Where's the Proof?

Five Witnesses Prove that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God (vs. 31-47)

First Witness: God the Father (vs. 32, 37, 38)

Second Witness: John the Baptist (vs. 33-35)

Third Witness: Jesus' Miraculous Works (vs. 36)

Fourth Witness: The Old Testament Prophets (vs. 39-44)

Fifth Witness: Moses (vs. 45-47)

Conclusion: THE VERDICT!

The writings of the Old Testament prophets predict nearly 350 specific details about Jesus and His mission, hundreds of years in advance. In writings from the 14th century through the 4th century B.C., the prophets revealed such astounding details as:

- He would be conceived of a virgin. (*Isaiah 7:14*)
- He would be born in the town of Bethlehem. (*Micah 5:2*)
- He would arrive exactly 483 years after the decree was issued to allow the Jewish people to rebuild the walls of their besieged city. (*Daniel 9:25*)
- He would present himself as Messiah by humbly riding into Jerusalem on a donkey. (*Zechariah 9:9*)
- He would be betrayed for 30 pieces of silver. (*Zechariah 11:12-13*)
- He would be unfairly judged and condemned to die. (*Isaiah 53:8-9*)
- He would be crucified (*Psalms 22:11-16*) as an offering for our sins. (*Isaiah 53:4-6*)
- He would rise from the dead. (*Isaiah 53:10-12*)

If we employed the mathematics of probability and considered just eight of the prophecies that came true through Jesus. The chance of just eight coming true in one man is **one chance in 10 to the 28th power**. In the world of probability that is as close to absolute certainty as anything can be.

In short, the problem for people is not a lack of evidence or the denial of reason; It is a lack of trust in Jesus Christ.