

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School—an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies on Themes in the Gospel of John. Today's topic: FULFILLING OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECIES.

1) Signs confirm the divine origin of Jesus

- a. John 5:17,20,36, 10:25 What do these words of Jesus reveal about His close collaboration with God the Father?
- b. What bold claims did Jesus make about His close relationship with God the Father? John 10:37-38, 14:7-13,23, etc.
- c. How do these verses confirm the inspired declaration at the beginning of John's Gospel? John 1:1-2

2) The Hebrew Scriptures pointing to Jesus as Messiah

- a. John 5:39-40,46 What claim did Jesus make regarding the Hebrew Scriptures and what does this claim teach us about His confidence in the Scriptures?
- b. Share a time when Jesus demonstrated from the Hebrew Scriptures all the signs pointing to Himself as Messiah. (Emmaus Road, Luke 24:27, Upper Room, Luke 24:36,44-45)
- c. Share a time when His disciples recognized the Hebrew Scriptures pointed to Jesus as Messiah. (Philip—John 1:45, His disciples—John 2:17,22)
- d. What important lessons can we learn from the confidence Jesus and His disciples had regarding the reliability and authority of the Scriptures? 2 Peter 1:19-21, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, etc.

3) Specific Old Testament prophecies about Jesus

- a. Isaiah 40:3 (John 1:23)
- b. Psalm 118:26 (John 12:13)
- c. Zechariah 9:9 (John 12:14)
- d. Psalm 41:9 (John 13:18)
- e. Zechariah 12:10,13:6 (John 19:37)
- f. Numbers 9:12 (John 19:36)
- g. Other Old Testament prophecies fulfilled in the life of Jesus? (mentioned in the other Gospels)
 1. Place of Messiah's birth (Matthew 2:6-11)
 2. Flight into Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15)
 3. Cry from the cross (Matthew 27:46)
 4. Others?
- h. How would you respond to a skeptical friend who says, "You're just making those statements apply to the life of Jesus of Nazareth?"

4) Why many refuse to recognize these signs

- a. If these signs are so clear pointing to Jesus as Messiah, why do many people refuse to recognize the clear testimony of the Scriptures? John 8:23, 2 Corinthians 4:4, 1 Corinthians 2:12-14, etc.
- b. How can we pray for those who have been blinded by the enemy of our souls?

