

# a PROPHET

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"The LORD your God will raise up unto you **a Prophet** (speaking of Jesus) from among you, of your brethren, like unto me (Moses); and unto Him (Jesus) you shall listen; according to all that you desired of the LORD your God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, so that I do not die.' And the LORD said unto me, 'They have well spoken that which they have spoken. I will raise them up **a Prophet** from among their brethren, like unto you, and will put My words in His mouth; and He shall speak unto them all that I shall command Him. And it shall come to pass, that whoever will not hearken unto My words which He shall speak in My name, I will require it of him.' " (Deuteronomy 18:15-18-19 – God speaking through Moses)

"Repent you therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; and He shall send Jesus Christ, who beforehand was preached unto you; whom heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began. For Moses truly said unto the fathers, 'A Prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; Him shall you hear in all things whatever He shall say unto you. And it shall come to pass, that every soul, who will not hear **this Prophet** (Jesus), shall be destroyed from among the people.' Yes, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that followed after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days. You are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, 'And in your Seed (Jesus) shall all the families of the earth be blessed. Unto you first, God, having raised up His Son Jesus, sent Him to bless you, to turn away every one of you from his sins.'" (Acts 3:19-22-26)

**Prophet:** from the Hebrew word ***nabi*** which means: a prophet; someone who prophesies, a spokesman, a speaker. From ***naba***: to prophesy - essentially religious instruction, with occasional predictions. Someone Sent by God to speak His will.

**Prophet:** from the Greek word ***prophetes*** which means: a prophet (an interpreter or forth-teller of the divine will); a person gifted at expositing divine truth. Properly, someone who speaks forth (prophesies) by the inspiration of God. (from ***pro*** meaning "beforehand" and ***phemi*** which means "elevating-asserting" one idea over another, especially through the spoken-word). Someone Sent by God to speak His will.

During His ministry years Jesus became widely known as **the Prophet** of Nazareth:

"And when they drew near unto Jerusalem, and had come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying unto them, 'Go into the village over opposite you, and immediately you shall find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them, and bring them to me. And if any man speaks unto you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them; and immediately he will send them.' ' All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, 'Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, thy King comes unto you, meek, and sitting upon a donkey, and a colt, the foal of an donkey.' And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them, and brought the donkey, and the colt, and put on them their garments, and they set Him on them. And a very great multitude spread their garments along the road; others cut down branches from the trees, and spread them out along the road. And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, 'Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.' And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, 'Who is this?' And the multitude said, 'This is Jesus **the Prophet** of Nazareth of Galilee.' " (Matt. 21:1-11)

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By the time of His death on the Calvary Cross, and His Resurrection from the Dead, Jesus had become even more widely known as a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people; truly a Prophet like unto Moses! Consider this passage from the Emmaus road story:

“And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was about seven miles from Jerusalem. And they were talking together about all these things which had happened. And it came to pass, that, while they conversing and reasoning together, Jesus Himself drew near, and went with them. But their eyes were being prevented from knowing (recognizing) Him. And He said unto them, 'What manner of words are these that you are having with each other, as you are walking, and looking so sad?' And one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered and said unto Him, 'Are you the only visitor in Jerusalem, who has not known the things which have happened there in these days?' And He said unto them, 'What things?' And they said unto Him, 'Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people. And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and have crucified Him. But we trusted that it was He (the promised messiah) who would have redeemed Israel; and beside all this, today is the third day since these things were done. Yes, and certain women also of our company astonished us, who were early at the tomb; and when they did not find not His body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, who said that He was alive. And certain of them who were with us went to the tomb, and found it even so as the women had said: but they did not see Him.' Then He said unto them, 'O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken. Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into His glory?' And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, He expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning Himself." (Luke 24:13-27)

That Jesus was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people was altogether founded upon His oneness with the Father. He spoke The Father's words, in the Father's Name! As He Himself said:

“The words that I speak unto you I speak not of Myself; but the Father who dwells in Me, He does the works. Believe Me that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me: or else believe Me because of the very works' sake.” (John 14:10-11)

“I can of My own self do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and my judgment is just; because I seek not my own will, but the will of the Father who has sent Me. If I bear witness of Myself, My testimony is not true. There is another who bears witness of Me; and I know that the testimony which he testifies of Me is true. You sent unto John, and he bore witness to the truth. But I receive not testimony from man; but these things I say, so that you might be saved. He (John) was a burning and a shining light: and you were willing for a season to rejoice in his light. But I have greater witness than that of John; for the works which the Father has given Me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me. And **the Father Himself, who has sent Me, has borne witness of Me!** You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form. And you do not have His word abiding in you. For whom He has sent, Him you do not believe. Search the scriptures; for in them you think you have eternal life; and they are what testify of Me. And you will not come to Me, that you might have life. I do not receive honor from men. But I know you, that you have not the love of God in you. **I have come in My Father's Name, and you do not receive Me**. If another shall come in his own name, him you will receive. How can you believe, you who receive honor from one of another, and do not seek the honor that comes from God only? Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father; there is someone who will accuse you, even Moses, in whom you trust. For had you believed Moses, **you would have believed Me**; for **he wrote of Me**. But if you do not believe his writings, how shall you believe My (prophetic) words? (John 5:30-46)

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Finally consider the following prophetic words of the Prophet Jesus, words of the Father spoken by Jesus:

“Whoever shall confess Me before men, him will I confess also before My Father who is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny Me before men, him will I also deny before My Father who is in heaven.” (Matthew 10:32-33, see also Luke 12:8-9)

“Come unto Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and you shall find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.” (Matthew 11:28-30)

“An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, except for the sign of the prophet Jonah; for as Jonah was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.” (Matthew 12:39-40)

“The Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.” (Luke 9:22)

“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.” (John 3:14-15)

“But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth; for the Father seeks such-as-these to worship Him. God is a Spirit; and they who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth!” (John 4:23-24)

“Truly, truly, I say unto you, he who hears My word, and believes on Him who sent Me, has everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but passes from death unto life. Truly, truly, I say unto you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they who hear shall live. For as the Father has life in Himself; so also has He given to the Son to have life in Himself.” (John 5:24-26)

“All whom the Father gives to Me shall come to Me; and those who come to Me I will in no wise cast out. For I came down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. And this is the Father's will who has sent Me, that of all whom He has given to Me I should lose none, but should raise them up again at the last day. And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that every one who sees the Son, and believes on Him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise them up at the last day.” (John 6:37-40)

## **JESUS is...**

### **a Prophet**

**He is the Prophet foretold by the prophets of the past!**

**He is a Prophet mighty in words and deeds!!**

**He is the Father's Prophet who gives us rest!**

**He is the Father's Prophet who gives us everlasting life!**

**He is the Father's Prophet who has promised to raise us up at the last day!**

**Thank You Lord Jesus for fulfilling the prophetic promises of our Father's Word!**

**Thank You Lord Jesus for your many promises yet to be fulfilled!**

**Amen, Come quickly Lord Jesus!**