

Who is Jesus Part 4 “Jesus as prophet”
Mark 1:21-22

I. Opening Thought- Why did Jesus come to earth?

- Why did Jesus come to earth?
 - John 6:38-40
 - Jesus came to do the will of the Father that sent Him, and this is the Father’s will that everyone who sees the Son and believes on Him will have everlasting life, and I (Jesus) will raise him up in the last day!
 - You want to know what the Father’s will is....there it is that all should have everlasting life!
 - You want to know what Jesus will is....it is to do the will of the Father!
 - Matt 5:17-18
 - Jesus came to fulfill the Old Testament law and all that was contained there in.
 - He came to fulfill each and every Old Testament messianic prophecy of the coming Messiah
- There are three primary offices woven through the Old Testament scripture
 - Prophet, Priest, and King
 - Jesus came to fulfill each of these offices.
 - How we view Jesus in regards to these offices is extremely important and we will learn why over the next several messages!

II. What is a prophet?

- Prophet- A person who receives and declares a word from the Lord through a direct prompting of the Holy Spirit and is the human instrument to carry out the message of God.
 - How do we know that a person is a true prophet?
 - We must compare their words and actions up against scripture. Psalm 119:160
 - I Timothy 4:1-2 “Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils Speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their conscience seared with a hot iron.”
 - Finally do they correctly divide the word of God and do the prophetic words come true?
- Prophets generally shared several key qualities.
 - They were called by God- Deut 18:20-22
 - They received word through direct declarations, visions, dreams, or God’s appearance to them.
 - They spoke the word of God, generally calling out and naming sin and turning people toward repentance
 - They carried out God’s word in action as well as word
 - They performed miracles that confirmed their message
 - Examples of prophets in the OT would be Moses, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Daniel, Ezekiel, Amos, Malachi, Obadiah, Haggai, Zechariah, Hosea, and Joel

II. Jesus as a prophet

- Moses prophesied that one would come that would be raised up a Prophet
 - Deuteronomy 18:18-19 and Peter mentioned in Acts 3:17-26
- As a prophet we can simply look how perfectly and accurately Jesus spoke Mark 1:21-22
 - **Jesus uses the phrase “I say unto you”**
 - Remember that the prophets job was to speak to the people on behalf of God
 - Look at the language of Jesus in the sermon on the mount alone
 - Matthew 5:21-48
 - **Jesus uses the phrase “I tell you the truth”**
 - John 8:45-46 and John 14:6
 - **Jesus was a preacher**
 - Mark 1:35-39 Jesus states the he came in order that He would be a preacher.
- In short Jesus is God, the truth telling, boldly confrontational preacher who attacks sin, folly, and rebellion and calls us unto repentance.
 - Hear are three quick examples
 - John 4:16-24 and 39 Women at the well
 - Matthew 24:1-2 This was a prophetic passage that was fulfilled in A.D. 70 when the Roman Army took siege of Jerusalem and burned the city literally to the ground.
 - Matthew 24:37-41 Jesus is prophetic in the fact that He is going to return!

III. Why is seeing Jesus as prophet important

- The prophet’s messages usually did one of two things to the people
 - It would drive a person to repentance or drive them to have a hard heart.
 - What did Jesus’ messages do? Jesus’ messages drove people to repentance or hard heartedness.
- Jesus’ messages to us today are highly prophetic in nature
 - Through the word and the revelation of the Holy Spirit Jesus continues today to speak messages of repentance and salvation
 - Jesus also speaks many times to those who have grown cold or lax in their faith

Closing Question- Do you view Jesus as a prophet in your life?

