

# Luke 24:25–27

- The Old Testament prophets had much to say about the coming Christ, or Messiah, including the fact He would suffer and enter into His glory.
- We have every reason to believe everything they said (and wrote).
- Jesus is the Christ, or Messiah! He is the one of which these prophets spoke!

# Studying Minor Prophets Now...

- So let's focus on some things **these prophets** revealed about the coming Christ.
- What we will see is that the biography of Jesus the Christ was written **before** He was even born.

# Born, but not His beginning

- “Out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be ruler in Israel, whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting” (Micah 5:2b).
- John 1:1–3, 14.

# From the Seed of David

- “Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the LORD their God and **David** their king. They shall fear the LORD and His goodness in the latter days” (Hos. 3:5).
- Not referring to the long dead king of Israel, but to the “seed of David” who would sit on His throne and establish His kingdom forever (2 Samuel 7:12–16).
- Amos 9:11–12 and Zechariah 6:12 also establish His lineage with David (Amos 9 quoted in Acts 15:13–18).
- Luke 1:31–33.

# Birthplace and Birth

- “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be ruler in Israel...therefore He shall give them up, until the time that she who is in labor has given birth...” (Micah 5:2–3).
- Matthew 2:1–6 (v. 6 quotes Micah 5:2).
- On “she who is in labor,” see Micah 4:10.

# The Flight to Egypt and Return

- “Out of Egypt I called My son” (Hosea 11:1).
  - In this context, refers to the Israelites’ exodus from Egypt.
- Matthew 2:13–15.
  - “Fulfillment,” then, can refer to the fulfillment of a figure, or shadow.

# John the Baptist

- “Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before Me...the Messenger of the covenant” (Malachi 3:1).
  - Mark 1:2; Matthew 11:10.
- “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers...” (Mal. 4:5–6).
  - Matthew 11:14; 17:10–13; Luke 1:17.

# Public Ministry of the Christ

- Jesus the Christ is that “Messenger of the Covenant” (Malachi 3:1), the mediator of the new and better covenant (Heb. 9:15; 13:20).
- Jesus sometimes quoted from the Minor Prophets to verify His points (e.g., Matt. 9:13, quoting from Hosea 6:6).
- The church He promised to build (Matt. 16:18), the kingdom He preached which was “at hand” (Matt 4:17)—these were prophesied in Micah 4:1–3.

# Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

- “Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey” (Zechariah 9:9).
- Matthew 21:1–11; Mark 11:1–10; Luke 19:29–38; John 12:13–19.

# Betrayal

- “If it is agreeable to you, give me my wages; and if not, refrain.” So they weighed out for my wages 30 pieces of silver (Zechariah 11:12).
  - Matthew 26:14–16; Mark 14:10–11; Luke 22:3–6.
- And the LORD said to me, “Throw it to the potter”— that princely price they set on me. So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them into the house of the LORD for the potter” (Zech. 11:13).
  - Matthew 27:3–10; Acts 1:16–19.

# Scattered Disciples

- “Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, against the Man who is My companion,” says the LORD of hosts. Strike the Shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered...” (Zechariah 13:7).
- Matthew 26:31.

# Crucifixion of Christ

- “They will look on Me whom they pierced” (Zechariah 12:10).
  - Quoted and applied to Christ in John 19:37.
- “Strike the Shepherd” (Zechariah 13:7).
- “In that day a fountain shall be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness” (Zechariah 13:1).
  - “This is my blood...which is shed for many for the remission of sins” (Matt. 26:28).

# Burial, Resurrection of Christ

- Jesus used the experience of Jonah as a type or figure of His own burial and resurrection.
  - “An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the **prophet Jonah**. For as **Jonah** was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of **Jonah**; and indeed a greater than Jonah is here” (Matthew 12:39–41).

# Our Priest and King in Heaven

- “Behold, the Man whose name *is* the BRANCH! From His place He shall branch out, and He shall build the temple of the LORD; yes, He shall build the temple of the LORD. He shall bear the glory, and shall sit and **rule on His throne**; so He shall be a **priest on His throne**, and the counsel of peace shall be between them both” (Zechariah 6:12–13).
  - N.T. verses show the fulfillment of this promise in Jesus the Christ (Acts 2:29–36; Heb. 1:3; 5:5; 7:1–28).

# The Gospel Goes Forth

- “For out of Zion the law shall go forth, and the **word of the LORD from Jerusalem**” (Micah 4:2).
- In the first gospel sermon, Peter declared of the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles, “this is that which was spoken of by the prophet Joel” (Acts 2:16, referring to Joel 2:28–32).
- “For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea” (Habakkuk 2:14).