

**Why We Believe in the Messiah-King**  
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Intro: My Palm Sunday Experience. → Breaking a Palm Fawn → Trying to trade with kids around me.

Main Point: Jesus is the best possible fulfillment of the major OT prophecies.

TS: As Jesus approaches Jerusalem he commands some of his disciples to go and fetch him the colt of a donkey that has not yet been ridden. This little request is not the craziest one the disciples have been tasked with. However, it is a fulfillment of the prophecy in Zechariah 9:9. Jesus fulfilled every little prophecy about himself but most of the small prophecies could have been done by any person if they knew well enough what the OT said. Christ's fulfillment<sup>78</sup> of the major prophecies sets him a part as the only promised son of God.

**Genesis 3:15 The Messiah must crush Evil.**

1. After the fall God lines up the three individuals involved and precedes to judge each one according to their actions. He begins with the serpent, who we know to be Satan, or the Devil based on NT sources, and addresses him with a curse but also speaks a promise:

**“I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and her offspring;  
he shall bruise your head,  
and you shall bruise his heel.”**

- a. This is the first glimmer of the Gospel emerges after the fall and it comes as sentence passed to the enemy.
  - b. The glimmer of the Gospel message begins with a promise to crush evil.
2. Offspring of Woman
    - a. Must be human
  3. Bruise the Head
    - a. Crush and destroy
    - b. Who else has been able to wipe out evil?
    - c. Must display and wield great power.

- i. Calm the wind and waves
  - ii. Demons obey him
- 4. Bruise his Head Must be a Man
  - a. Must incur suffering

TS: His displays of power against evil and wickedness must also coincide with his power and ability to bring blessing upon the God's creation.

### **Genesis 12:2-3 The Messiah must bless the families of the Earth.**

1. All of the Families of the Earth will be blessed.
  - “I will make you into a great nation,  
and I will bless you;  
I will make your name great,  
and you will be a blessing.<sup>[a]</sup>  
<sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you,  
and whoever curses you I will curse;  
and all peoples on earth  
will be blessed through you.”<sup>[b]</sup>
  - a. The history of redemption, like creation, begins with God speaking
  - b. The *I Will's* demonstrate God's greater part in the story and man's small role.
2. What is the Blessing? **Isaiah 11:8-9**

<sup>6</sup>The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,  
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,  
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;  
and a little child shall lead them.

<sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze;  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

**<sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,  
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.**

**<sup>9</sup>They shall not hurt or destroy  
in all my holy mountain;  
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.**

- a. The Messiah will bring restoration from the effects of Sin

- i. Can you imagine life where work isn't difficult -
  - ii. Where estranged children and parents can be reconciled.
  - iii. The Hurt and abused are made new again as Christ consoles and leads them to prosper.
  - iv. The struggling and paralyzed are motivated by the Hope Christ's presence and promises.
  - v. The lonely are made known and welcomed in to his Body, the church.
  - vi. The lost are guided by his living and active word. Speaking directly to their confusion and frustration providing clarity and resolution.
  - vii. The enemies of God are pardoned by the Kings willing sacrifice to endure the punishment for his people.
- b. The Messiah will bring Knowledge of the Lord.
- i. Jesus & Phillip – If you have seen me you have seen the father.
  - ii. Who else but Jesus spoke with such authority and confidence towards the name of Jesus.

TS: The blessing of the messiah is great and wonderful but is it going to last. Every once in a while, a great leader comes along but their reign of influence never last forever. The messiah will be the different, his rule and blessing will be without end.

### **Exodus 20:2-17 The Messiah must be Righteous.**

1. The commandments
2. Not bad but unable to save
  - a. Trust in works
  - b. Rather worship in revelation
3. Will be called Righteous **Jeremiah 23:5-6**

<sup>5</sup>“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

TS: These are some fantastic reasons to believe in Jesus' being the fulfillment of God's promises.

## 2 Samuel 7:16 The Messiah must be a Son of David.

1. When the King had Lived.
  - a. David was at peace, the Nation was established, and the enemies are defeated. He transitions from a Conquering King to a Ruling Monarch
  - b. Time to honor the God who made it all possible.
  - c. How should God be honored? What will glorify his name above every other name.
    - i. The same way we buy gifts for other people, we ask, and they tell us.
    - ii. God now shares with David what he wants. It is far better than a house that protects from the elements. What better than a building that will lead people to worship him?
    - iii. A dynasty that is unchanging and without end.
2. Vrs. 15-16 I will raise up...

**<sup>15</sup> but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. <sup>16</sup> And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.’ ”**

  - a. Forever
    - i. Without end.
    - ii. Do we hold in our minds the real of Christ's kingdom as forever.
      1. He was here before us, he is with us now, and he will be here forever more.
      2. He kingdom encompasses all things and all people for all time.
  - b. Two things will last forever
    - i. Steadfast Love vrs. 14 – 15
      1. Close and privileged relationship as that between father has with a son.
    - ii. Right to rule forever vrs. 16
      1. Based on David's continual desire to honor the Lord
3. The messiah must be of the line of David, demonstrating a close and privileged relationship with God and desire to bring him honor above all things.
4. Christ alone Demonstrates all of these thing, all of the time.

TS: The Messiah is loved and secured by the hand of God. This individual must demonstrate profound confidence in the Lord based on the knowledge of how he will be blessed.

### **Believing in the Messiah must be your choice.**

1. He weeps for those who miss the time of their visitation.
  - a. The people came praising his name because they thought he was going to make war against Rome. Instead he came to make Peace with God.
2. He accepts the feeble praise because it is right.
  - a. You didn't live a wholly devoted life for Christ this week. This month, or this year. Neither did I, or the other pastors, elders, deacons, leaders, and teachers. We are leading you in imperfect and feeble praise. But, thank God by the grace of his Messiah he accepts us non the less.
  - b. He is the King I need and becoming each and everyday they King I want.
    - i. He is a King who's realm is eternal.
    - ii. He is a King who's judgments are righteous.
    - iii. He is a King who's benevolent reign restores what is broken.
    - iv. He is a King who's Kingdom will be glorious.
3. You decide