

Jesus The Prophet

I. Christ's Three-Fold Office: Prophet, Priest, King

A. Why these three offices?

1. These three offices were key as God's plan of saving a people for himself unfolded in Israel.
2. Each of these roles had an anointing with it (appointed and empowered by God)
 - a. Priests (Ex. 30:30)
 - b. King (1 Sam. 16:6-7, 12-13)
 - c. Prophet (2 Kings 2:9, 15)

B. At the beginning of his ministry, Jesus, is anointed (the Christ) and proclaims "the Kingdom of God is at hand" (Mark 1:14-15)

II. What is The Role of a Prophet?

A. Moses as the template of a prophet (Deuteronomy 18:15-20)

B. A prophet is like a press secretary or ambassador for God

1. Prophets are appointed by God
2. They *reveal* who God is and what he says.
3. They *call* the people to obey God and repent.
4. They (at times) *foretell* what God will do.

III. Was Jesus a Prophet?

A. Jesus said he was a prophet (Luke 4:24, 13:33)

B. Jesus foretold God's plan (a few examples)

1. His death (Matt. 17:22-23)
2. Judas's betrayal (Matt. 26:20-25)
3. His second coming (Matt. 24:30-32)

C. Many people saw him as a prophet (Matt. 21:11)

IV. Jesus is The Ultimate Prophet

A. Moses, the first major prophet, foretold that a prophet like himself would come (Deut. 18:15; John 1:21, 7:40; Acts 2:19-24)

B. Jesus claimed to be the prophet who brought the New Covenant (Luke 4:16-21)

C. Jesus didn't merely show the way to God, he pointed to himself as the way to God (John 14:6, see also Luke 24:27)

The most striking feature of the teaching of Jesus is that he was constantly talking about himself.... This self-centeredness of the teaching of Jesus immediately sets him apart from the other great religious teachers of the world. They were self-effacing. He was self-advancing. They pointed men away from themselves, saying, "That is the truth, so far as I perceive it; follow that." Jesus said, "I am the truth, follow me" (John Stott, *Basic Christianity*).

- D. Jesus is the final word from God in these last days (Heb. 1:1-4)
- E. Jesus is God's greatest revelation because he is God with us (John 1:1, 14, 16-18)
 - 1. He is the Word: God's self-expression, his communication to us
 - 2. God lived among us (1:1, 14)

V. Application

- A. Marvel that God would communicate with us, even coming in flesh to reveal himself (John 1:1-18)
- B. When you evangelize,
 - 1. Don't let people think of Jesus merely as a good teacher or even a prophet.
 - 2. He is *the* way to God (John 14:6)
- C. We are not looking for new revelation (Hebrews 1:1-4)