

He Came...: Prophet

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Message 1

PRAY • WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU HEARD THE VOICE OF GOD? • SAMUEL, "HEARING GOD"

Whenever God _____ to people,
they get _____ out!

[LUKE 2:9-10 ON SCREEN]

Exodus 19:1-20:21 (p. 52)

❖ Meeting one:

OBEY ME => KINGDOM OF PRIESTS

❖ Meeting two:

I WILL COME DOWN, NO ONE APPROACHES UNTIL THE TRUMPET

❖ Meeting three:

TRUMPET SOUNDS, CLOUD DESCENDS, VOLCANIC • DON'T FORCE YOUR WAY THROUGH
THE TEN COMMANDMENTS • GOD SPOKE! THE PEOPLE HAVE HAD ENOUGH!

When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance and said to Moses, "Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or we will die."

Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning." The people remained at a distance, while Moses approached the thick darkness where God was.

Exodus 20:18-21

GOD WANTED A KINGDOM OF PRIESTS. BUT HE'S TOO SCARY.

TWO PROBLEMS: GOD IS HOLY, WE ARE SINFUL • ISAIAH 6 & 59:2 • WE NEED A PROPHET
BUT THAT'S NOT ALL. THE MESSAGE OF CHRISTMAS: HE CAME. WHATEVER WE NEED, HE CAME.

Our Prophet

PUT YOURSELF IN THE SHOES OF THOSE EARLY HEBREWS • MT ST HELENS, MAY 18, 1980, 24
MEGATONS / 1600 HIROSHIMAS / PYROCLASTIC FLOWS REACHING 200-300 MPH

Moses

Exodus 33:11 (p. 63)

BUT MOSES WOULDN'T LIVE FOREVER. WHAT WOULD HAPPEN THEN?

Deuteronomy 18:14-22 (p. 136)

NOT DIVINATION, BUT A PROPHET • TEST HIM & LISTEN TO HIM
MOSES DIED, AND SO THE PEOPLE WAIT... 400 YEARS

Samuel

1 Samuel 3:19-4:1 (p. 189)

BUT SAMUEL DIED, AND SO THE PEOPLE WAIT

David

Psalms 22:1-2, 7-8, 16-18 (p. 384)

BUT DAVID DIED, AND SO THE PEOPLE WAIT

WE GET PROPHETS LIKE ELIJAH, ELISHA ... ONE MAKES IT CLEAR THEY STILL MUST WAIT

Isaiah

Isaiah 9:1-2, 6-7 (p. 481)

Isaiah 40:3-4 (p. 503)

BUT ISAIAH DIED BEFORE EVEN THE VOICE IN THE DESERT CAME. AND SO THE PEOPLE WAIT. 800 YRS

John the Baptist

Mark 1:1-4 (p. 694)

John 1:21-28 (p. 736)

AND SO THEY WAIT... FOR ONE DAY!

Jesus

John 1:29-34

HE CAME! HE'S HERE! JESUS IS THE PROPHET, HE PASSES EVERY TEST ... BUT HE DIED
AND SO THEY WAIT • LAZARUS, HIS OWN BETRAYAL, BUT ON THE THIRD DAY, HIS CRAZIEST WORDS!

John 2:19 (p. 737)

HIS CRAZIEST WORDS CAME TRUE / THE MOST IMPOSSIBLE TEST!

Jesus is the _____ foretold by _____!

In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe.

Hebrews 1:1-2

IF YOU BELIEVE MOSES > SAMUEL > DAVID > ISAIAH > JOHN > JESUS • LISTEN TO HIM!!

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 14:6

THE ONE PROPHET, THE ONE MEDIATOR ... BUT THAT WAS LONG AGO, AND HE WENT BACK TO
HEAVEN... AND SO WE WAIT.

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am."

John 14:1-3

So What?

1. THE BABY IN THE MANGER IS YOUR SOURCE OF INFORMATION ABOUT GOD
2. THE PROPHET HAS COME AND HE'S COMING AGAIN
3. HE WAS THE PROPHET, BUT IT WASN'T ENOUGH... COME NEXT WEEK!