

# WHAT the BIBLE TEACHES about GOD and JESUS CHRIST

## Lesson 9 - Part 1

### THE WORK OF JESUS CHRIST

#### The work of Jesus Christ as Prophet

1. What did Jesus destroy?

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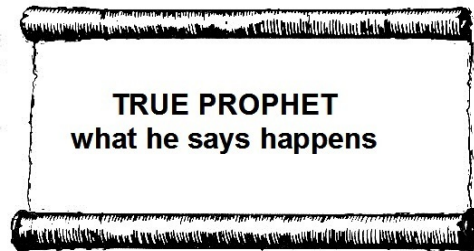
2. Jesus destroyed the power of the devil and of death. We do not have to obey the devil anymore.

In this lesson we want to study the work of Jesus Christ as a prophet.

Jesus Christ is a prophet because:

- The Old Testament said that a prophet like Moses would come.
- The words of Jesus came true and this shows that He is a true prophet.
- The people said Jesus was a prophet.
- Jesus said He was a prophet.
- A prophet speaks the Word of God and Jesus spoke the Word of God.

We read about a good number of prophets in the Old Testament. Most of the prophets were men, but a few were women. They spoke God's words to the people. There were true prophets and false prophets. The people wanted to know how they could recognize the true prophets.



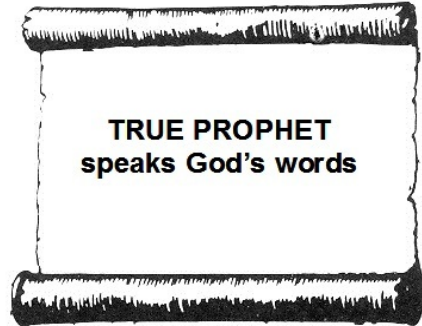
Deuteronomy 18:21,22

*You may say to yourselves, "How can we know when a message has not been spoken by the Lord?" If what a prophet proclaims in the name of the LORD does not take place or come true, that is a message the LORD has not spoken. That prophet has spoken presumptuously (proud self confidence). Do not be afraid of him.*

How would people know a true prophet?

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3. People would know a true prophet if what he said came true or happened. If all his words did not come true, the people knew that the prophet did not speak God's Word. He was a false prophet.



A false prophet would tell his own ideas. Only God knows all that will happen. Because God knows what will happen, He can tell the prophet and then his words will come true.

Whose words does a true prophet speak?

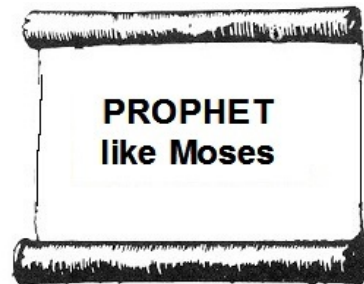
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4. A true prophet speaks God's words.

Moses in the Old Testament was a great leader and a prophet.

Numbers 12:6-8

*He said, "Listen to my words: When a prophet of the Lord is among you, I reveal myself to him in visions, I speak to him in dreams. But this is not true of my servant Moses; he is faithful in all my house. With him I speak face to face, clearly and not in riddles; he sees the form of the Lord. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?"*



How did God speak to Moses?

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5. The Bible says God spoke to him face to face.

Deuteronomy 18:15

*The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among*

*your own brothers. You must listen to him.*

What kind of prophet will God raise up?

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6. God will raise a prophet like Moses. God spoke to Moses and Moses told the people God's words.

Deuteronomy 18:17,18

*The Lord said to me: "What they say is good. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers; I will put my words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I command him."*

Whose words will this coming prophet speak?

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7. This coming prophet will speak God's words. It is important that people listen to this prophet. **Read** Acts 3:17-26.

Acts 3:22,23

*For Moses said, "The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you must listen to everything he tells you. Anyone who does not listen to him will be completely cut off from among his people."*

Who is this prophet?

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8. Jesus is the prophet we read about in Deuteronomy. He will speak God's Word. It was said earlier that we can know a true prophet when all his words come true. Let us take a look at the things which Jesus said and what really happened.

Matthew 26:34

*"I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times."*

Matthew 26:75

*Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken: "Before the rooster*

*crows, you will disown me three times.” And he went outside and wept bitterly.*

What did Jesus say Peter would do?

What did Peter do?

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9. Jesus told Peter that he would disown or deny Him three times. Three times that night Peter said that he did not know Jesus.

John 13:21

*After he had said this, Jesus was troubled in spirit and testified, “I tell you the truth, one of you is going to betray me.”*

John 18:2,3

*Now Judas, who betrayed him, knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with his disciples. So Judas came to the grove, guiding a detachment of soldiers and some officials from the chief priests and Pharisees. They were carrying torches, lanterns and weapons.*

What did Jesus say about Judas?

What did Judas do?

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10. Jesus said that one of the twelve would betray Him. Judas betrayed Jesus. **Read** John 2:19-22.

John 2:19

*Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.”*

Matthew 17:22,23

*When they came together in Galilee, he said to them, “The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men. They will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised to life.” And the disciples were filled with grief.*

What did Jesus say would happen to Him?

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11. Jesus said He would be betrayed and killed. He also said He would rise again the third day.

Who betrayed Jesus?

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12. Judas betrayed Jesus.

Luke 23:33

*When they came to the place called The Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals - one on his right, the other on his left.*

How did Jesus die?

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13. Jesus was crucified.

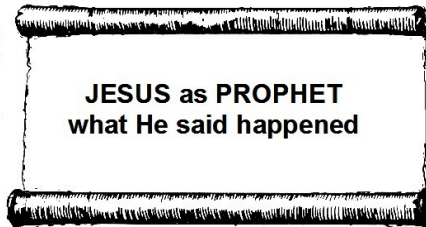
Luke 24:7

*The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.*

What did Jesus do the third day?

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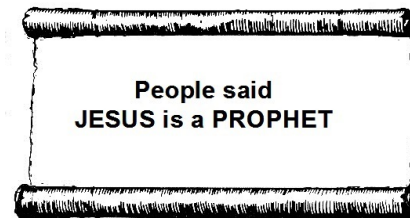
14. On the third day, Jesus was raised from the dead. We said earlier that all the words of a true prophet come true.



How do we know Jesus was a true prophet?

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15. We know Jesus was a true prophet because His words came true.



**Read** these verses and write what these people said about Jesus.

John 4:19

John 6:14

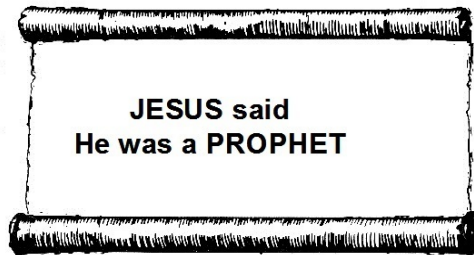
John 7:40

Matthew 21:11

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16. They all said that Jesus was a prophet, or the Prophet which was to come.

The Old Testament said a prophet like Moses was coming. Jesus is a true prophet because the words He said came true. The people said Jesus was a prophet.



Now let us see what Jesus said about Himself. In these verses He is talking about Himself.

**Read** these verses and write down what Jesus called Himself.

Matthew 13:57

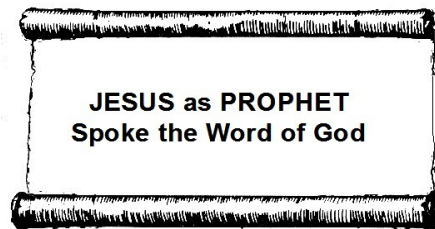
Luke 13:33

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17. Jesus called Himself a prophet. A prophet speaks the words of God.

John 12:49,50

*For I did not speak of my own accord, but the Father who sent me commanded me what to say and how to say it. I know that his command leads to eternal life. So whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say.*



Whose words did Jesus speak?

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18. Jesus spoke the words of God His Father.

John 17:8

*For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me.*

Whose words did Jesus give to the disciples?

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19. Jesus gave them the words of God.

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20. **Memorize** Hebrews 7:25.

Hebrews 7:25

*Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.*

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