

“Who say ye that I Am”

The purpose of this study is to determine the Pharisees and Scribes who were the religious leaders of Israel should have recognized Jesus as the Messiah or Christ.

Reading Matthew 16:16-20 We have Christ Jesus asking his disciples a question and their response: When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, **whom do men say that I the Son of man am?** ¹⁴And they said, some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. ¹⁵He saith unto them, But **who say ye that I am?** ¹⁶And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. ¹⁸And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ²⁰Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ.

Christ asked the disciples who they thought He was. Peter answered correctly. Peter who would later deny Him. But at that moment, an unlearned man by the standards of the Scribes and Pharisees, knew more than the elite who were supposed to study the scriptures and be a Nation of Priests. This begs the next question- **Why did they not recognize Him as the Messiah, the Christ, the Son of God, their King and Savior?**

Was the Birth of Christ a secret; a **“Mystery”**? **Col 4:3** Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the **mystery of Christ**, for which I am also in bonds: ⁴That I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.

Eph 3:1 For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, ²If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward: ³How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, ⁴Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the **mystery of Christ**) ⁵Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;

What should the Pharisees have known of the Messiah’s coming, description, and events which Christ Jesus fulfilled?

The Birth of Christ:

In Matthew we have multiple references that quote prophecy from the old testament. Let’s start in **Matthew 1:22-23** Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, ²³Behold, **a virgin shall be with child**, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name **Emmanuel**, which being interpreted is, God with us. This was quoted from **Isaiah 7:14** Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, **a virgin shall conceive**, and bear a son, and shall call his name **Immanuel**.

Simeon was a man in Jerusalem and here is what he said when he saw the infant Jesus.

Luke 2:25-33 And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. ²⁶ And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death,

before he had seen the Lord's Christ. 27 And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, 28 Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, 29 Lord, now let thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: 30 For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, 31 Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; **32 A light to lighten the Gentiles**, and the glory of thy people Israel. 33 And Joseph and his mother marveled at those things which were spoken of him. (Quoted from **Isa 42:6**)

So where was His birth prophesied?

Micah 5:2 But thou, **Bethlehem** Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

Revealed by John: John 7:42 Hath not the scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of **Bethlehem**, where David was? And repeated in Matthew:

Matthew 2:1-6 Now when Jesus was **born in Bethlehem** of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, ²Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. ³When Herod the king had heard *these things*, he was troubled, **and all Jerusalem with him**. ⁴And when he had gathered **all the chief priests and scribes** of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. ⁵And they said unto him, **In Bethlehem** of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, ⁶And thou Bethlehem, *in* the land of Judaea, art not the least among the princes of Judaea: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

If the chief priests were aware why did they not recognize Jesus as the Christ? Continue in **Matthew 2:23** And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was **spoken by the prophets**, He shall be called a Nazarene.

Matthew 4:12 Now when Jesus had heard that John was cast into prison, he departed into Galilee; ¹³And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of **Zabulon and Nephthalim**: ¹⁴That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by **Esaias the prophet**, saying, ¹⁵The land of **Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim**, *by* the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles; ¹⁶The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.

(Quoted from **Isa 9:1-2**)

Christ fulfilling scripture:

Luke 4:16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read. 17 And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, 18 The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, 19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. 20 And he closed the book, and he gave *it* again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. 21 And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

Healing:

Matthew 8:13-17 And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, *so* be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour. ¹⁴And when Jesus was come into Peter's house, he saw his wife's mother laid, and sick of a fever. ¹⁵And he touched her

hand, and the fever left her: and she arose, and ministered unto them. ¹⁶When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with *his* word, and healed all that were sick: ¹⁷**That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.**

(Quoted from **Isa 53:4** But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes **we are healed**.)

Matthew 12:15 Then the Pharisees went out, and held a council against him, how they might destroy him. ¹⁵But when Jesus knew *it*, he withdrew himself from thence: and great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all; ¹⁶And charged them that they should not make him known: ¹⁷**That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, ¹⁸Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall show judgment to the Gentiles.** ¹⁹He shall not strive, nor cry; neither shall any man hear his voice in the streets. ²⁰A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench, till he send forth judgment unto victory. ²¹And in his name shall the Gentiles trust. (Quoted from **Isa 42:1-4**)

Signs and blindness:

Matthew 12:38 Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee. ³⁹But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall **no sign be given to it**, but the sign of the prophet Jonas: ⁴⁰For as **Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.** (Quoted from **Jonah 1:17**)

Matthew 13:14 Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand. ¹⁴And in them is **fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias**, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and **seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive:** ¹⁵For this people's heart is waxed gross, and *their* ears are dull of hearing, and their **eyes they have closed**; lest at any time they should see with *their* eyes, and hear with *their* ears, and should understand with *their* heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them. (Quoted from **Isa 6: Isaiah 6:8-10** Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me. ⁹And he said, Go, and tell this people, **Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not.** ¹⁰**Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed.**

Also quoted by Paul in **Acts 28:25-27** And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after that Paul had spoken one word, Well spake the Holy Ghost by Esaias the prophet unto our fathers, ²⁶Saying, Go unto this people, and say, **Hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and not perceive:** ²⁷**For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.** ²⁸Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that they will hear it.

Parables:

Matthew 13:34 All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them: ³⁵That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world. (Quoted from **Ps 78:2**)

Matthew 15:7 Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, ⁸This people draws nigh unto me with their mouth, and honors me with *their* lips; but their heart is far from me. ⁹But in vain they do worship me, teaching *for* doctrines the commandments of men. (Quoted from Isaiah) **Isa 29:13** Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honor me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:

Christ's entry to Jerusalem:

Christ made a grand entry into Jerusalem which was prophesied: **Matthew 21:5** Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass. ⁶And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them, ⁷And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set *him* thereon. ⁸And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed *them* in the way. And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed *is* he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest. ¹⁰And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this? ¹¹And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee. (Quoted from Zech) **Zech 9:9** Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, **and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass. This was also confirmed by John: John 12:12-16** On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, ¹³Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord. ¹⁴**And Jesus, when he had found a young ass, sat thereon; as it is written,** ¹⁵**Fear not, daughter of Sion: behold, thy King cometh, sitting on an ass's colt.** ¹⁶These things understood not his disciples at the first: but when Jesus was glorified, then remembered they that these things were written of him, and that they had done these things unto him.

If we merely look at the Psalms, we see that Christ was prophesized many times and they should have seen Who He was. The significance of each prophesy is in the confirmation of future writers in the Gospels, Acts, the Apostles, and including Paul's writings to us today.

Conspiracy:

Ps 2:2-12 The kings of the earth set themselves, **and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying,** ³**Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.** ⁴He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. ⁵Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure. ⁶Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. ⁷I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, **Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.** ⁸Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. ⁹Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. ¹⁰Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. ¹¹**Serve the LORD** with fear, and rejoice with trembling. ¹²**Kiss the Son,** lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

So, are the Psalms and Matthew the only places Christ is prophesied? Or were they just a place that almost every Jew read and learned? What other prophesies were of Christ outside of Psalms? Am I being too hard on the Jews for not recognizing their Savior Christ? Too much of a "Monday morning Quarterback"? Next time we will look for other evidence that will help us decide if Christ Jesus should have been easily recognized by at least by the Scribes and Pharisees.

(continued) The betrayal was prophesied:

Betrayal:

Even the betrayal of Christ was prophesied in Psalms: **Ps 41:5-9** Mine enemies speak evil of me, When shall he die, and his name perish? ⁶ And if he come to see me, he speaketh vanity: his heart gathereth iniquity to itself; when he goeth abroad, he telleth it. ⁷ **All that hate me whisper together against me: against me do they devise my hurt.** ⁸ An evil disease, say they, cleaveth fast unto him: and now that he lieth he shall rise up no more. ⁹ **Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me.**

John then wrote of the actual betrayal by Judas Iscariot

John 13:18-30 I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me. ¹⁹ Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am he. ²⁰ Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me; and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me. ²¹ When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, **that one of you shall betray me.** ²² Then the disciples looked one on another, doubting of whom he spake. ²³ Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved. ²⁴ Simon Peter therefore beckoned to him, that he should ask who it should be of whom he spake. ²⁵ He then lying on Jesus' breast saith unto him, Lord, who is it? ²⁶ Jesus answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it. And when he had dipped the sop, he gave it to **Judas Iscariot**, the son of Simon. ²⁷ And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly. ²⁸ Now no man at the table knew for what intent he spake this unto him. ²⁹ For some of them thought, because Judas had the bag, that Jesus had said unto him, Buy those things that we have need of against the feast; or, that he should give something to the poor. ³⁰ He then having received the sop went immediately out: and it was night.

This betrayal was also prophesied in Psalms: **Ps 69:20-25** **Reproach hath broken my heart; and I am full of heaviness: and I looked for some to take pity, but there was none; and for comforters, but I found none.** ²¹ **They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.** ²² Let their table become a snare before them: and that which should have been for their welfare, let it become a trap. ²³ Let their eyes be darkened, that they see not; and make their loins continually to shake. ²⁴ Pour out thine indignation upon them, and let thy wrathful anger take hold of them. ²⁵ Let their habitation be desolate; and let none dwell in their tents. ²⁶ For they persecute him whom thou hast smitten; and they talk to the grief of those whom thou hast wounded.

Prophecy fulfilled in Matt 27:33-35 And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull, ³⁴ They **gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall:** and when he had tasted thereof, he would not drink. ³⁵ And they crucified him, **and parted his garments, casting lots:** that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots.

The betrayal by Judas with Satan plotting was prophesied by David in **Ps 109:2-8** For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful are opened against me: they have spoken against me with a lying tongue. ³ They compassed me about also with words of hatred; and fought against me without a cause. ⁴ For my love they are my adversaries: but I give myself unto prayer. ⁵ And they have rewarded me evil for good, and hatred for my love. ⁶ **Set thou a wicked man over him: and let Satan stand at his right hand.** ⁷ When he shall be judged, let him be condemned: and let his prayer become sin. ⁸ Let his days be few; and **let another take his office.**

Peter then boldly proclaimed that the scriptures were fulfilled in **Acts 1-15-22** And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty,) ¹⁶Men and brethren, **this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas**, which was guide to them that took Jesus. ¹⁷For he was numbered with us, **and had obtained part of this ministry**. ¹⁸Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹And it was known unto all the dwellers at Jerusalem; insomuch as that field is called in their proper tongue, Aceldama, that is to say, The field of blood. ²⁰**For it is written in the book of Psalms**, Let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein: and his bishopric let another take. ²¹Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection.

Christ's Trial:

At Christ's trial he offered no defense which was prophesied in **Isaiah 53:9** He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

⁸He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

⁹And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, **neither was any deceit in his mouth**. ¹⁰Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou **shalt make his soul an offering for sin**, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

¹¹He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; **for he shall bear their iniquities**.

Peter confirmed this in **I Peter 2:21-25** For even hereunto were ye called: because **Christ also suffered for us**, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: ²²**Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth**: ²³Who, when he was **reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not**; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: ²⁴**Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed**. ²⁵For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

Acts 13:28-37 And though they found no cause of death in him, yet desired they Pilate that he should be slain. ²⁹And when they had fulfilled all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree, and laid him in a sepulcher. ³⁰But God raised him from the dead: ³¹And he was seen many days of them which came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are his witnesses unto the people. ³²And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promise which was made unto the fathers, ³³God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee. ³⁴And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, now no more to return to corruption, he said on this wise, I will give you the sure mercies of David. ³⁵Wherefore he saith also in another psalm, Thou shalt not suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. ³⁶For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption: ³⁷But he, whom God raised again, saw no corruption.

Heb 1:5 For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?

⁶And again, when he bringeth in the first begotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him. ⁷And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers

a flame of fire. ⁸But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever: a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of thy kingdom. ⁹Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

Heb 5:5 So also Christ glorified not himself to be made a high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, today have I begotten thee. ⁶As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. ⁷Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; ⁸Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; ⁹And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

Christ's Crucifixion:

In **Ps 22:6-31** We see prophesy of Christ's gruesome death depicted:

But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people.

⁷ All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying,

⁸ He trusted on the LORD that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him. ⁹ But thou art he that took me out of the womb: thou didst make me hope when I was upon

my mother's breasts. ¹⁰ I was cast upon thee from the womb: **thou art my God from my mother's belly.** ¹¹ Be not far from me; for trouble is near; for there is none to help. ¹² Many bulls

have compassed me: strong bulls of Bashan have beset me round. ¹³ **They gaped upon me with their mouths, as a ravening and a roaring lion.** ¹⁴ **I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels.** ¹⁵ **My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and thou hast brought me into the dust of death.** ¹⁶ **For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have enclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet.** ¹⁷ **I may tell all my bones: they look and stare upon me.** ¹⁸ **They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.** ¹⁹ **But be not thou far from me, O LORD: O my strength, haste thee to help me.**

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Matt 27:33-46 And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull, ³⁴They gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted thereof, he would not drink. ³⁵And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots. ³⁶And sitting down they watched him there; ³⁷And set up over his head his accusation written, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS. ³⁸Then were there two thieves crucified with him, one on the right hand, and another on the left. ³⁹And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads, ⁴⁰And Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross. ⁴¹Likewise also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said, ⁴²He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him. ⁴³He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God. ⁴⁴The thieves also, which were crucified with him, cast the same in his teeth.

⁴⁵Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour.

⁴⁶And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? (Quoted from **Ps 22:1**)

Psa 22:1 To the chief Musician upon Aijeleth Shahar, A Psalm of David. “My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?”

John 19:23-24 Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also his coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout. ²⁴They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, **They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots.** These things therefore the soldiers did.

Zech 12:10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: **and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced,** and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.

This was confirmed by John: **John 19:36-37** For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken. ³⁷And again another scripture saith, **They shall look on him whom they pierced.**

Christ the cornerstone:

Matthew 21:42 - 45 Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the **head of the corner**: this is the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes? ⁴³Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof. ⁴⁴And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder. ⁴⁵And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parables, they perceived that he spoke of them. (Quoted from **Ps118:22**)

And Peter reminded the priests of this rejection: **Acts 4:5-14** And it came to pass on the morrow, that their rulers, and elders, and scribes, ⁶And Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem. ⁷And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this? ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel, ⁹If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole; ¹⁰Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. ¹¹This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the **head of the corner**. ¹²Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. ¹³Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus. ¹⁴And beholding the man which was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it.

Peter also writes in **1 Pet 2:4-8** To whom coming, **as unto living stone, disallowed indeed of men**, but chosen of God, and precious, ⁵Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. ⁶Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a **chief corner stone**, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, ⁸And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.

In Psalms 118 It was prophesied that the messiah would be rejected: **Ps 118:21-23** I will praise thee: for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation. ²² The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner. ²³ This is the LORD'S doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.

This was recapped in **Matt 21:42-46** Jesus saith unto them, **Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner:** this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes? ⁴³ Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof. ⁴⁴ And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder. ⁴⁵ And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parables, they perceived that he spake of them. ⁴⁶ But when they sought to lay hands on him, they feared the multitude, because they took him for a prophet.

Christ who has all things under His feet:

In **Psalms 8** we have a prophesy that all things will be put under His feet: **Ps 8:3-9** When I consider thy heavens, **the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;** ⁴ What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? ⁵ **For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels,** and hast crowned him with glory and honour. ⁶ Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; **thou hast put all things under his feet:** ⁷ All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; ⁸ The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas. ⁹ O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

This prophecy was fulfilled with I Cor 15:26-28 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. ²⁷ **For he hath put all things under his feet.** But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him.

²⁸ And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all. And this is repeated in **Eph 1:20-23** Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

²² **And hath put all things under his feet,** and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, ²³ Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

It is also repeated in Heb 2:5-10 For unto the angels hath he not put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak. ⁶ But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him? ⁷ Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crowned him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands: ⁸ Thou hast **put all things in subjection under his feet.** For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him. ⁹ But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. ¹⁰ For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

Ps 16:8-11 I have set the LORD always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. ⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices: my flesh also shall rest in hope.

¹⁰ **For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.** ¹¹ Thou wilt show me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

Christ's ascension:

In Psalms 68 His **ascension** is prophesied: **Ps 68:18-20 Thou hast ascended on high**, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts for men; yea, for the rebellious also, that the LORD God might dwell among them. ¹⁹ Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah ²⁰ **He that is our God is the God of salvation; and unto GOD the Lord belong the issues from death.**

This was witnessed to in Luke's writing of **Acts 2:24-31** And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. ²²Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: ²³Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: ²⁴Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it. ²⁵For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved: ²⁶Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope: ²⁷Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. ²⁸Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance. ²⁹Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. ³⁰Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne; ³¹He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption. ³²This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. ³³Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear. And then again in **Acts 13:34-37** And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, now no more to return to corruption, he said on this wise, I will give you the sure mercies of David. ³⁵Wherefore he saith also in another psalm, **Thou shalt not suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.** ³⁶For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption: ³⁷But he, whom God raised again, saw no corruption.

This is repeated in Ephesians: **Eph 4:8-10** Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. ⁹(Now that he **ascended**, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He that descended is the same also that **ascended up** far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

John 12:37 But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him:
38 That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed?
39 Therefore, they could not believe, because that Esaias said again,
40 He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.
41 These things said Esaias, when he saw his glory, and spake of him. 42 Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue:
43 For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

And we know this too was prophesied by Isaiah and repeated at the end of Acts at Acts 28:28. Let's start at Act 28:24 And some believed the things which were spoken, and some believed not. 25 And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after that Paul had spoken one word, Well spoke the Holy Ghost by Esaias the prophet unto our fathers, 26 Saying, Go unto this people, and say, Hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and not perceive: 27 For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them. 28 Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that they will hear it. 29 And when he had said these words, the Jews departed, and had great reasoning among themselves.

So, you decide. Should the Pharisees been able to recognize Jesus as the Christ? Would you have? If you Google the prophesies of Christ you get as many as potentially 70 prophesies. If we were in a court of law would that be enough to exonerate Jesus as the Christ? Thank God we know the TRUTH and it has set us free!