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As we consider the prophecy's and bloodline, a picture begins to emerge as Christ being the only man \_\_\_\_\_ to be the Messiah. Yet there is one more question to ask, and that is if Jesus ever \_\_\_\_\_ to be the Messiah. And the answer to this question is in the words of Christ himself.

*"You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that \_\_\_\_\_ about Me; John 5:39*

*Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures. Luke 24:27*

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*"Some of the people therefore, when they heard these words, were saying, 'This certainly is the Prophet.' Others were saying, 'This is the Christ.' Still others were saying, 'Surely the Christ is not going to come from Galilee, is He? Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the descendants of David, and from Bethlehem, the village where David was?' So a division occurred in the crowd because of Him. Some of them wanted to seize Him, but no one laid hands on Him. John 5:25-29*

## THIS IS THE CHRIST:

There exist today a great many \_\_\_\_\_ to the claims of the Christian faith. For many the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ as the only savior for the world is \_\_\_\_\_ and beyond belief. Yet this claim by Christ and the scriptures remains. In this lesson we will explore some of the proofs which point to the fact that Jesus is in fact the Christ or the Messiah.

In this passage which we have before us there arose a controversy over the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ, and that controversy continues to this day. For believers this question is not so controversial, but its answer is never the less very important. In the Old Testament God gave Israel and the world a valuable list of \_\_\_\_\_ which would have to fulfill in order for anyone to be \_\_\_\_\_ as the Christ. This list of criteria is found all through out the \_\_\_\_\_. We will look into two key areas which are messianic \_\_\_\_\_ and the messianic \_\_\_\_\_. In order to qualify as the messiah a man would have to satisfy both of these criteria at least, and we will discover how Christ does precisely that.

## PROPHECY CONCERNING THE MESSIAH:

Through out the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Old Testament there are more than 300 messianic \_\_\_\_\_, which deal with the facts and details about the messiah, his \_\_\_\_\_, and personality.

### Prophecies Concerning His Birth:

Born at Bethlehem (Micah 5:2; Matthew 2:1)

Presented with gifts at birth (Psalm 72:10; Isaiah 60:6; Matthew 2:1,11)

Flight to Egypt (Hoses 11:1, Matthew 2:13-15)

### Prophecies Concerning His Ministry:

Ministry to begin in Galilee (Isaiah 9:1,2; Matthew 4:12,13,17)

Teacher of parables (Psalm 78:2; Matthew 13:34)

He was to enter Jerusalem on a donkey (Zechariah 9:9; Luke 19:35,36,37a)

### Prophecies Concerning His Death:

Sold for 30 pieces of silver (Zechariah 11:12; Matthew 26:15)

Hands and feet pierced (Psalm 22:16; Luke 23:33)

His bones not broken (Psalm 34:20; John 19:33)

Buried in a rich man's tomb (Isaiah 53:9; Matthew 27:57-60)

One professor did a study to determine what the \_\_\_\_\_ would be that any one man could be the Messiah. Using a factor of only eight \_\_\_\_\_, he discovered that the probability of anyone fulfilling just 8 prophecies, would be  $10^{17}$  or the number ten with \_\_\_\_\_ ze-ros behind it. This is only 8 out of 300 prophecies, and yet Christ fulfills not just a handfuls but every prophecy of the Old Testament.

## THE BLOODLINE OF THE MESSIAH:

Furthermore, in order to be the messiah, Jesus would have to have been born of a very specific blood line.

Born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18, 24, 25)

Seed of Abraham (Genesis 22:18; Matthew 1:1; Galatians 3:16)

Son of Isaac (Genesis 21:12; Luke 3:23,34)

Abraham had two sons, Isaac and \_\_\_\_\_. Then God disqualifies one half of the lineage of Abraham.

Son of Jacob (Numbers 24:17; Luke 3:23,34)

Isaac had two sons, Jacob and \_\_\_\_\_. Now God eliminates one half of the lineage of Isaac.

Tribe of Judah (Genesis 49:10; Luke 3:23,33)

Jacob had \_\_\_\_\_ sons and each became a tribe of the Hebrew nation. Now God eliminates eleven-twelfths of the lineage of Jacob.

Family line of Jesse (Isaiah 11:1; Luke 3:23,32) Now God narrows it down even further by picking one family line out of the tribe of Judah.

House of David (Jeremiah 23:5; Luke 3:23,31)

Jesse had at least eight sons (I Samuel 16:10,11). Now God eliminates all of Jesse's sons except one, \_\_\_\_\_.

Before they left our mouth, we would spare everyone a world of trouble. So that's one thing we can copy from Christ. But then there is the issue of what he \_\_\_\_\_. Many scholars like to see this as a \_\_\_\_\_ to make up stuff, but the fact is we don't know what he wrote. Perhaps their sins, or their names, or his verdict, we just don't know. What we do know is that this is only the \_\_\_\_\_ time in all of the Bible that we see God writing, and the only time any Gospel that we see \_\_\_\_\_ writing.

The first time we see God write is in \_\_\_\_\_, when He wrote the original Ten Commandments for Moses and Israel. There we see God as the \_\_\_\_\_ handing down His Hand written law. The second time we see God write is in \_\_\_\_\_, when the hand wrote on the wall in Belshazzars Feast. Here we see Him in his execution of Divine decrees. But now we see him write again, and now it seems as the \_\_\_\_\_, who holds the fate of all men in his hands.

He arises from the stooped position and said "He who is without sin among you, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." He could not deny her sin, nor invalidate His own law. But he did point out that the \_\_\_\_\_ one in that group \_\_\_\_\_ of Judging any man was He alone. What a summation of the Gospel. God alone can judge, God alone provided the means of \_\_\_\_\_ for all men at the Cross. So he says to those who humbly confess their sin to him "I do not condemn you either, go and sin no more."

### FURTHER STUDY:

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### CASTING THE FIRST STONE

In this paragraph of scripture we find the well known account of one of the women taken in \_\_\_\_\_. Like most well known accounts of Scripture we might be tempted to \_\_\_\_\_ the account, because we already know what happened. However it is good for us to dig deeper into this story, because its truths are relevant to our salvation experience.

Let us begin with a little bit of context, Jesus was in \_\_\_\_\_ during the feast of \_\_\_\_\_, and it is early in the morning. After going up to Mount of Olives to pray the night before he again came into the \_\_\_\_\_ to teach. So in a quick observation of the patterns of Christ, we see him as a man of \_\_\_\_\_, with a \_\_\_\_\_ for teaching, and a love for the Fathers \_\_\_\_\_.

It is here, the Temple of \_\_\_\_\_ no less that this historic scene unfolds. I'm always amazed at how (even in our day) the house of God can quickly be used as a place for \_\_\_\_\_. But there you have it, early in the \_\_\_\_\_ (no bad time to dig up someone else's sin), at the temple, in front of \_\_\_\_\_, this group of scribes and \_\_\_\_\_ brought a woman to Jesus who had been taken in Adultery.

### THE ACCUSERS:

They said “\_\_\_\_\_, *this woman has been caught in adultery, in the very act. Not the Law of \_\_\_\_\_ commands us to \_\_\_\_\_ such a woman; what then do you say.*”

First of all, let's look at the crowd of accusers. They have a double \_\_\_\_\_ in this scene; on the one hand they want to \_\_\_\_\_ a woman and on the other they wish to \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus. Just the day before they were calling him “\_\_\_\_\_” and now they are calling him teacher. Here we have our first mark of an \_\_\_\_\_; they wear a \_\_\_\_\_ of uprightness and use the \_\_\_\_\_ of God against the accused. They quote the law of Moses, and they do so with great pride.

Another mark of the accuser is the way they use “\_\_\_\_\_” details in order to make a case. The accuser rarely tells the \_\_\_\_\_ story. We should rightly \_\_\_\_\_ where the man was that she was caught in adultery with? Yet she alone is accused.

The scripture tells that our accuser is the Devil, in fact the word “\_\_\_\_\_” literally means accuser or slanderer. So a word of caution is found in this point, that we ought not to do the devil's work.

### THE WOMAN:

Let's look for a moment then at the \_\_\_\_\_ in this picture. By all accounts, she was in fact an adulterous and she was \_\_\_\_\_ what she had sown. “Numbers 32:23 says “...*be sure your \_\_\_\_\_ will find you out.*” Luke 8:17 says “*for nothing is \_\_\_\_\_ that will not become evident, nor anything \_\_\_\_\_ that will not be known and come to light.*” Both these verses imply that God in his righteousness will not be deceived by man, for “what a man sows that he will also reap.” And though this be hard to accept that God is loving us by bringing out sin to light, for it is better that you be \_\_\_\_\_ publicly, than be lost \_\_\_\_\_.

Let me add here the terrible thing that \_\_\_\_\_ is, it is listed in ten commandments, and ranks as a \_\_\_\_\_ of the design of God for man and marriage. We think too \_\_\_\_\_ of adultery these days, and while yes it is \_\_\_\_\_ and covered by grace, no one should take it, or its consequences lightly.

### THE SAVIOR:

Now let's look at the only person in the picture, who has any right to speak or be heard. Jesus is at the center of this picture, and for us today it is essential that Jesus be at the center of our picture too. When confronted with this problem, he does a rather unexpected thing. He stoops down to the ground and writes in the dirt. There are two very important truths here, one which we should learn from. First by writing on the ground, Jesus teaches us the value of being slow to speak. We can learn much from this can't we, so often if we just thought about our words,-



## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT:

Are you eating daily the bread of \_\_\_\_\_, have you found your \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ, or are you merely \_\_\_\_\_ with out fully eating all that He offers your soul. Come and dine, that \_\_\_\_\_ calls you, come and dine.

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## I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE:

Last time we saw the miraculous feeding of the \_\_\_\_\_, and now we look at a passage which is linked to that event. Jesus fed this multitude in order to point out a \_\_\_\_\_ need in mans life. While the multitude needed physical food, their true need was a \_\_\_\_\_ one. He wanted them to know that he was the \_\_\_\_\_ of Life. This statement was packed with \_\_\_\_\_ and helps us understand a great deal about \_\_\_\_\_.

First let us look at the \_\_\_\_\_ of bread for the first century. In this time, and for much of human history, bread has been the essential \_\_\_\_\_ of life. Even today bread is a big part of many \_\_\_\_\_. The right bread today can \_\_\_\_\_ essential nutrients, as well as serving as a source of \_\_\_\_\_ for the body. Thus Lord is saying that he is the \_\_\_\_\_ staple of spiritual life. He himself is

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