

## **“Jesus: The Lord of Scripture”**

*John 5:30-47*

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In John 5:30-47, Jesus rebukes the Jewish critics by showing that He has authority over the Sabbath because He is equal with the Father and is the Promised One of Scripture.

### **1. The Old Testament predicted that the forerunner would testify on behalf of the Messiah (5:30-35).**

*“John...has testified to the truth” (5:33)*

*“A voice of one crying in the wilderness, ‘Make ready the way of the LORD’ [YHWH]” (Isaiah 40:3, 700 BC; cf. Matthew 3:3)*

*“Behold, I am going to send My messenger, and he will clear the way before Me” (Malachi 3:1, 440 BC; cf. Matthew 11:14; John 1:23)*

*“And many came to Him and were saying, ‘While John performed no miracles, yet everything John said about this Man is true’ ” (John 10:41)*

### **2. The Old Testament predicted that miracles would testify to the identity of the Messiah. (5:36)**

*“the very works I do testify about Me”*

*“Rabbi, we know that you have come from God as a teacher, for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him” (John 3:2)*

*“I told you, and you do not believe; the works that I do in My Father’s name, these testify of Me” (John 10:25)*

*“the Father abiding in Me does His works” (John 14:10)*

*“Behold, your God will come...He will save you. Then the eyes of the blind will be opened and the ears of the deaf will be unstopped. Then the lame will leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute will shout for joy” (Isaiah 35:4-6)*

*“Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Go and report to John what you hear and see: the blind receive sight and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he who does not take offense at Me.’” (Matthew 11:4-6)*

*“The Pharisees said...‘This man casts out demons only by Beelzebul the ruler of the demons’ ” (Matthew 12:24)*

### **3. The Old Testament predicted that the Father would testify on behalf of the Messiah (5:37-38)**

*“The Lord...will speak...saying... ‘You are My Son, today I have begotten You’ ” (Psalm 2:4-7, 1000 BC; cf. Acts 13:33, Hebrews 1:5)*

*“YHWH says to my Lord: ‘Sit at My right hand until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet’” (Psalm 110:1, 100 BC; cf. Acts 2:32-36)*

*“YHWH has sworn and will not change His mind, ‘You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek’” (Psalm 110:4; cf. Hebrews 5:5-6)*

*“And after being baptized, Jesus went up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and He saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove, and coming upon Him, and behold, a voice out of the heavens, saying, ‘This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased’ ” (Matthew 3:16-17; cf. Isaiah 42:1)*

#### **4. The Old Testament gave hundreds of prophecies specifically identifying Jesus as the Messiah (5:39-47)**

*“the Scriptures...bear witness of Me” (5:39)*

*“For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote of Me” (5:46)*

*“These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled” (Luke 24:44)*

A. *In 4000 BC God said that the Messiah would descend from a woman, be wounded, and crush Satan’s head (Genesis 3:15)*

B. *In 2000 BC God told Abraham that the Messiah would be a Jew (Genesis 12:2-3)*

C. *In 1400 BC God told Moses that the Messiah would shed His blood as the Passover for sinners (Exodus 12)*

D. *In 1000 BC God told David that the King would be from his line (2 Samuel 7:12)*

E. *In 1000 BC God told David that the Messiah would be pierced in the hands and feet (Psalm 22:16)*

F. *In 1000 BC God told David that the Messiah would rise from the dead (Psalm 16:10)*

G. *In 700 BC God told Isaiah that the Messiah would be punished by God as a substitute for sin (Isaiah 53)*

H. *God told Isaiah that the Messiah would be born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14)*

I. *God told Isaiah the Messiah would be God (Isaiah 9:6)*

J. *In 700 BC God told Micah that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2)*

K. *In 500 BC God told Zechariah that the Messiah would be sold by a friend for thirty pieces of silver (Zechariah 11:12)*