

# Jesus, in His own words

## Messiah, God, Savior of Humanity

What follows are just a few quotes from Jesus out of the books of Matthew and John in the Bible. Jesus said these things about himself:

### Jesus claims he is the Jewish Messiah and offers his miracles and healings as proof

**Mat 11:2** [...] Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another? Jesus answered and said unto them, [...] **The blind receive their 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, whosoever shall not be offended in me.** [Here he referred to a prophesy in Isaiah 8:14, 15]

### Jesus claims he is the Jewish Messiah prophecied in the Old Testament (Torah)

**Joh 4:25, 26** The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things. Jesus saith unto her, **I that speak unto thee am he.** [The woman here is refering to a prophesy from Daniel 9:24-26]

**Joh 5:39** Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

### Jesus claims he is the only one to actually know God, and he is the only way to God

**Mat 11:27** [...] neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.

**Joh 6:46-51** Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life. I am that bread of life. Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven [...]

### Jesus prophesies that he would be betrayed to the Jews, condemned to die, given to the Gentiles, mocked, beaten, crucified, and raise to life in three days

**Mat 20:18** Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn him to death, And shall deliver him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify him: and the third day he shall rise again.

### Jesus claims he is able to die and be raised from the dead of his own power

**Joh 10:17, 18** Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.

### Jesus prophesies before his death that he will give his life as ransom for many

**Mat 20:28** Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

### Jesus claims all power in heaven and earth is his

**Mat 28:17,18** And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, **All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.**

### Jesus claims he is the one who allows people into the Kingdom of Heaven

**Mat 7:22** Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name

done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

### Jesus claims he is able to forgive sins

**Mat 9:2-6** And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; **Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.** And, behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This man blasphemeth. And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, **Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.**

### Jesus claims anyone who believes in him will have everlasting life

**Joh 3:16** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

### Jesus claims God sent him to save the world

**Joh 3:17** For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

### Jesus claims that all judgement was given to him

**Joh 5:26** For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.

### Jesus claims he should receive the same honor that is due God

**Joh 5:23** [...] all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.

### Jesus claims he was sent by God and his miracles are proof

**Joh 5:36, 37** But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me. And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. [...]

### Jesus claims the whole duty of man to God is to believe in him (Jesus)

**Joh 6:28-36** Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? Jesus answered and said unto them, **This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.** They said therefore unto him, What sign showest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? what dost thou work? Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat. Then Jesus said unto them, **Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.** Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread. And Jesus said unto them, **I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.**

### Jesus claims he has seen God, and come from God:

**Joh 6:46** Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father.

**Joh 8:42** Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.

### Jesus claims he is sinless, and therefore in constant communicaiton with God

**Joh 14:30** Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me. But that the world may know that

I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. [...]

**Joh 8:29** And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.

### Jesus claims he existed before the beginning of the World and that he is an eternal being

**Joh 17:5** And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

**Joh 8:35** And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever.

### Jesus claims God honors him

**Joh 8:54** Jesus answered, If I honour myself, my honour is nothing: it is my Father that honoureth me; of whom ye say, that he is your God: Yet ye have not known him; but I know him: and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be a liar like unto you: but I know him, and keep his saying.

### Jesus claims all who saw him saw God

**Joh 14:6** Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

### Jesus claims he is one with God

**Joh 10:30** I and my Father are one.

### Jesus claims to be God

**Joh 8:58** Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am. [this is a specific reference to God identifying Himself to Moses in Exodus 3:14]

### Jesus claims every word he speaks is from God

**Joh 12:50** [...] whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.

### Jesus claims he is the door to salvation, he can give eternal life, and he is the resurrection from the dead:

**Joh 10:9, 28** I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved [...] And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

**Joh 11:25, 26** Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

### Jesus claims that in his death all men would be drawn to him

**Joh 12:31, 32** Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. [It does not say that all would come, but that all would be drawn.]

### Jesus claims everyone that believes him believes God

**Joh 12:44** Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me.

### Jesus claims all who believe in him will be "raised up at the last day" to everlasting life

**Joh 6:39, 40, 47** And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day. [...] Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

### As he died, he called on God to glorify him

**Joh 17:1** These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may

glorify thee:

### Jesus claims no one knows God but him (Jesus)

**Joh 17:25** O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me.

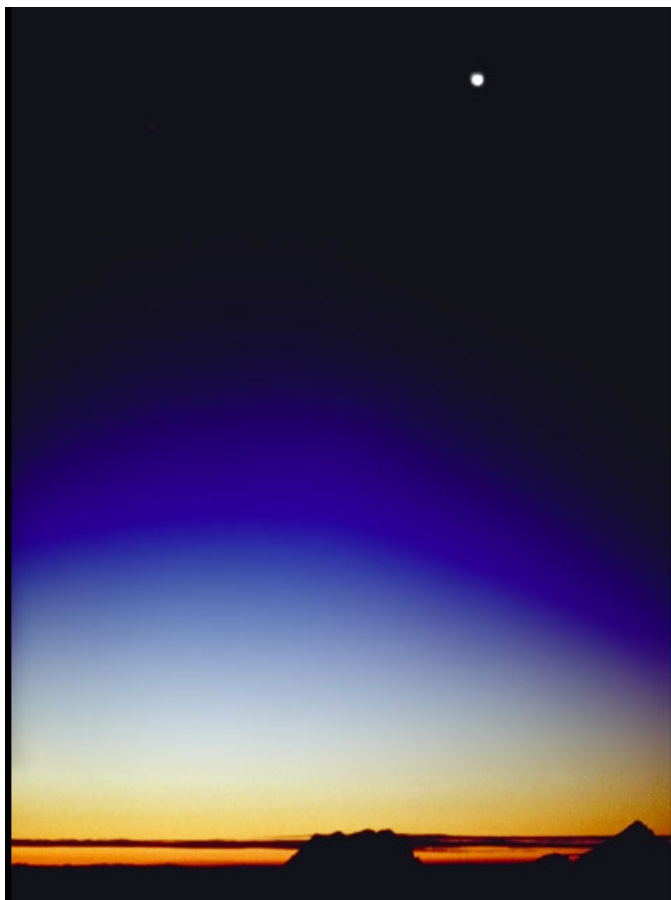
### Jesus claims he ascends to God, which no one can do unless they have "clean hands and a pure heart." In other words, he claims to be sinless.

**Joh 20:17** Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

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Jesus is referred to as the Morning Star or the Day Star. I am not sure why he is called that, but astronomers call a planet that rises just before sunrise a morning star. In Colossians Jesus is called, *The firstborn from the dead*... and in Romans it says those, which are in Christ Jesus... God did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that his Son might be the firstborn among many brethren. I believe the name Morning Star indicates that Jesus resurrection from death is a bright sign preceding the full day in which I too will share in his resurrection and eternal life!

According to Jesus, all that is required is to believe Jesus is who he said he is!



# PROPHECY FORTTELLS CHRIST

Rejoice greatly, behold, thy King cometh unto thee:  
he is just, and having salvation!

What follows are just a few prophesies from the Old Testament (the Torah of the Jews) that fortell the Jewish Messiah, what he will do, say, and how he will be—following each prophecy are writings about Jesus of Nazareth, how he fulfilled the prophesies, how he is the Jewish Messiah, the Christ and savior of all humanity!

## 1689 BC – There will be a ruler in Judah until Christ comes.

**Gen 49:10** *The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.*

**Luk 2:1** And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

For the first time in the history of Judah, at about AD3 the governing authority of all of Israel is no longer Jewish, and Jesus has come.

## 710 BC – Christ will be born in Bethlehem

**Mic 5:2** *But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among [...] 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.*

**Mat 2:1** Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea [...]

## 397 BC – Christ will be preceded immediately by a prophet.

**Mal 3:1** *Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in [...]*

**Luk 1:13, 17** But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. [...] **And he shall go before [the Lord God]** in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; **to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.**

There was no other recorded Jewish prophet between Malachi and John the Baptist, and John the Baptist did call people to repentance and prophesied that the Messiah would come in his time.

## 713 BC – Christ will be anointed by the Spirit of God

**Isa 61:1** *The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;*

**Mat 3:16** And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

## 698 BC – Things Christ would preach to the Jews in his ministry.

**Isa 61:2** *To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;*

**Luk 4:16** 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, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. And he began to say unto them, **This day is this Scripture fulfilled in your ears.**

## 740 BC – Christ will come first to Galilee

**Isa 9:1, 2** *Nevertheless the dimness shall not be such as was in her vexation, when at the first he lightly afflicted the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, and afterward did more grievously afflict her by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, in Galilee of the nations. The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.*

**Mat 4:12** Now when Jesus had heard that John was cast into prison, he departed into Galilee; And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet [...]

This was the beginning of Jesus ministry.

## 487 BC – Christ prophesied to publicly enter Jerusalem, to the spontaneous acclaim of the people.

**Zec 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.*

**Mat 21:6-10** And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them, **And brought the ass, and the colt,** and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon. And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strewed 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.** And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this?

## 713 BC – Christ will perform miracles.

**Isa 35:5** *Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as a hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.*

**Mat 9:27** [...] two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, Thou son of David, have mercy on us. And [...] Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord. Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you. **And their eyes were opened;**

**Mar 7:32** And they bring unto him one that was deaf, [...] And he [...] put his fingers into his ears, and he spit, and touched his tongue; And looking up to heaven, he sighed, and saith unto him, Ephphatha, that is, Be opened. And straightway his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain.

**Mat 15:30** And great multitudes came unto him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus' feet; and he healed them: insomuch that the multitude wondered, when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see: and they glorified the God of Israel.

## 1010 BC – Christ to be rejected by his brothers.

**Psa 69:8** *I am become a stranger unto my brethren, and an alien unto my mother's children.*

**Joh 7:5** For neither did his brethren believe in him.

**Joh 1:11** He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

## 1010 BC – Christ will be hated without cause.

**Psa 69:4** *They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of mine head: they that would destroy me, being mine enemies wrongfully, are mighty: then I restored that which I took not away.*

**Isa 49:7** *Thus saith the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel, and his Holy One, to him whom man despiseth, to him whom the nation abhorreth, to a servant of rulers, Kings shall see and arise, princes also shall worship, because of the LORD that is faithful, and the Holy One of Israel, and he shall choose thee.*

**Joh 15:24** If I had not done among them the works which none other man

did, they had not had sin: but now **have they both seen and hated both me and my Father**. But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, **They hated me without a cause**.

### 1010 BC - Christ will be rejected by the Jewish Rulers

**Psa 118:22** *The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner.*

**Mat 21:42** 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? [...] And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder. And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parables, they perceived that he spake of them.

### 1010 BC - Christ to be betrayed by a friend.

**Psa 41:9** *Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me.*

**Joh 13:18** 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**. Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am he. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me; and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me. 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**.

### 487 BC – Christ betrayed for 30 pcs of silver to be given to the potter.

**Zec 11:12** *And I said unto them, If ye think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver. And the LORD said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prised at of them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the LORD.*

**Mat 26:14** Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests, And said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for **thirty pieces of silver**.

**Mat 27:3** Then Judas, [...] brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, [...] And they took counsel, and **bought with them the potter's field**, to bury strangers in.

### 710 BC – Christ will be “smitten” on the cheek with a rod.

**Mic 5:1** [...] *they shall smite the judge of Israel with a rod upon the cheek.*

**Mat 27:30** And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and **smote him on the head**.

### 712 BC – Christ will be spit on and scourged

**Isa 50:6** *I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting.*

**Mar 14:65** And some began to **spit on him**, and to cover his face, and to buffet him, and to say unto him, Prophecy: and the servants did strike him with the palms of their hands.

**Joh 19:1** Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged him.

### 1010 BC – Christ will have feet and hands pierced.

**Psa 22:16** *For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have enclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet.*

**Joh 19:18** Where **they crucified him**, and **two other with him**, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst.

**Joh 20:25** The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see **in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails**, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.

### 515 BC – Christ will be pierced.

**Zec 12:10** [...] *and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn [...]*

**Joh 19:34, 37** But **one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side**, and forthwith came there out blood and water. [...] And again another Scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they pierced.

### 1010 BC – Christ will be forsaken by God, will cry to Him in the day and in a “night season.”

**Psa 22:1, 2** *My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring? O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not; and in the night season, and am not silent.*

**Mat 27:45, 46** Now from the sixth hour **there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour**. [about noon to 3pm] And 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?**

### 1010 BC – Christ will be mocked, scornfully asked why God will not deliver him from his suffering.

**Psa 22:7, 8** *All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying, He trusted on the LORD that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him.*

**Mat 27:39-43** And they that passed by **reviled him**, wagging their heads, And saying, 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. [...] **he trusted in God; let [God] deliver him now**, if he will have him: for [Jesus] said, I am the Son of God.

**Luk 23:35** [...] And the [Jewish] rulers also [...] derided him, saying, **He saved others; let him save himself**, if he be Christ, the chosen of God.

### 1010 BC – Christ will be given vinegar mixed with gall to drink.

**Psa 69:21** *They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.*

**Mat 27:34** They gave him **vinegar to drink mingled with gall**: and when he had tasted thereof, he would not drink.

**Joh 19:29** Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with **vinegar, and put it upon hyssop**, and put it to his mouth.

Gall here is a bitter plant... Hyssop.

### 712 BC – Christ will suffer in silence.

**Isa 42:2** *He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street.*

**Isa 53:7** *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.*

**Mat 27:12** And when he was accused of the chief priests and elders, **he answered nothing**. Then said Pilate unto him, Hearest thou not how many things they witness against thee? And **he answered him to never a word**; insomuch that the governor marveled greatly.

### 1010 BC – Christ's garments will be parted, lots cast for his vesture (outer garment, robe)

**Psa 22:18** *They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.*

**Joh 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. They 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.

## 712 BC – Christ will pray for his own murderers.

**Isa 53** *He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. [...] But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities [...] and he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.*

**Luk 23:33** And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, [...] **Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.**

## 1010 BC – Christ will at no time have a broken bone.

**Exo 12:46** *In one house shall it be eaten; thou shalt not carry forth ought of the flesh abroad out of the house; neither shall ye break a bone thereof.*

**Psa 34:20** *He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.*

**Joh 19:31** The Jews therefore [...] besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. Then came the soldiers, and broke the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, **they broke not his legs:** But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.

## 712 BC – Christ to be buried with the rich.

**Isa 53:9** *And 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.*

**Mat 27:57** When the even was come, there came a **rich man** of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple: He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered. And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, And laid it **in his own new tomb**, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulcher, and departed.

## 1010 BC – Christ will not stay in the grave, his body would not undergo physical decay.

**Psa 16:10** *For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.*

**Act 2:31** He seeing this before **spake of the resurrection of Christ**, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.

## 519 BC – Christ will be a priest and a king.

**Zec 6:13** *Even he shall build the temple of the LORD; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.*

**Joh 14:6** Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

**Mar 15:2** And Pilate asked him, Art thou the King of the Jews? And he answering said unto him, Thou sayest it.

## 712 BC – Christ will be a light to the Gentiles, even though he is the Jewish Messiah.

**Isa 11:10** *And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.*

**Isa 42:1, 6** *Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.[...] I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles;*

**Act 10:45** And they of the [Jews] which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that **on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.**

## 1042 BC – Christ will sit at the right hand of God.

**Psa 110:1** *The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.*

**Mat 22:41-46** While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, Saying, What think ye of Christ? whose son is he? They [answered], The son of David. He [responded], How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool? If David then call him, Lord, how is he his son? And no man was able to answer him a word, neither durst any man from that day forth ask him any more questions.

**Heb 1:3** [Jesus] being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of [God's] person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, **sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;**

**Luk 2:1-38** And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; because (he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

[...] And [...] they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord; (As it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord;) And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.

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. **And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.** 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, **Then took he [Jesus] up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,** Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

And Joseph and his mother marveled at those things which were spoken of him. And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against; (Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.

And there was one Anna, a prophetess, [...] she was of a great age, [...] And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. **And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem.**

**Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.**

# A Third Witness!

So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach  
the gospel to you also!

Finally, here I am, today, handing you this letter. My life has been changed by Jesus Christ, and I want yours to be changed as well! Here is what Jesus did in my life:

## I (Gabe) believed in Jesus when:

I was a very young child. My mother is a believer, and she often told me stories about God and Jesus Christ. I believed her and that Jesus was in fact the Son of God, that he came to die my place, for my sins. I remember very clearly knowing that my belief in Jesus was precious to God—of great value to Him, and that it allowed me the right to go to heaven.

When I was about twelve, I felt that I should make a public statement, and “went forward” at some church camp meeting to “get saved.” I told the pastor that I already believed, but that I wanted to make a public statement that I believed in Jesus Christ and His death in my place so long ago. The pastor was a bit surprised, but was quite happy to accommodate my request. I was baptized when I was seventeen.

Only in the last three or so years of seeking, praying, running after God have I discovered that this salvation, this life that I have is an amazing miracle and that there are so many that do not have it. It shocked me at first, but then I realized that if there is anything else I do in life, I’d better tell as many others as I can about this wonderful life in Christ.

My sins are forgiven, my past is washed away! It says in the Bible that my life is “in Christ” and that when God looks to see if I measure up, He sees Jesus in all His sinlessness, His goodness, His miracles... its so wonderful. I am so free, and the most amazing thing is that, getting back to friendship with God through Jesus’ is offered freely to anyone who believes. No great deeds, no miracles, no acts of righteousness or piety... you just have to believe! Now that is amazing to me.

## The greatest change in my life since I met Jesus is:

Not having to sin anymore. This seems like an odd statement, but it is totally true. I have to admit I did not figure this out until about seven years ago, but has been true as long as I have known Jesus. The fact is that I have the Spirit of God in me and I can walk, “after the Spirit.” In other words, the Spirit of God will lead me if I choose to follow. He will give me insight, He will give me strength to resist any temptation regardless of my past incapability to deal with a particular sin or evil in my own life. In Him I can live a perfect life. Audacious? Yes, probably... True? Yes, absolutely!

“But you still sin don’t you?” I have been asked on more than one occasion. My answer is that it is quite rare actually. I just don’t have to anymore! There are times when I am worn out, and I see some half-dressed woman on a billboard or something and my body says, “Now that is what I need...” but I pull myself together and look away, and begin to thank God for all He is—my flesh is denied, and I do not sin. It is amazing. I love it, I really love walking with God—it is truth and freedom!

Am I perfect? No. There are a lot of areas where I still need to grow up. Do I sin? No. Any immature child can stop sinning and still need to grow up. Any new born baby has no sin at all, but also has no maturity. So, I am still growing, and not sinning! You can have this too! Believe in Jesus, and you too will have **nothing** between you and God!

## The most important thing about Jesus to me is:

His perfect love for me. Not only for me, but for everyone that lives. He has this love that is measureless, selfless, and totally free. All one has to do is accept it. Some in bitter hatred ask why God would save some and not all... and I just look at them and think... how could you hate the



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love of God? It says plainly that God “buys back from sin” everyone that believes the words of Jesus. How easy is that? It is perfect, simple, and fantastic. God made man with free will, we in turn sinned against God, God sent a perfect man (Jesus) in our place, and all we have to do is believe that He is our salvation... and we are made one with God!

## I (Beka) believed in Jesus when:

I realized that the stories about Jesus were actually true – not just nice stories. I was just a child, but I remember being amazed at the love of God for me. That God would give His own Son Jesus to bear my sin to the cross and pay for it there! I fell in love with Him then, and He’s become more precious to me every passing day.

When I was teenager, I became concerned that maybe I wasn’t really “saved” because I had never “walked down the aisle” of a Church and said “the sinner’s prayer.” One day I took a walk with God and gave those concerns to Him. He assured me with Scripture that all that is required for salvation is simply to believe what the Bible says about Jesus and His death for me. So once again I embraced work of Jesus on my behalf with my whole heart, and all my fears were chased away.

## The greatest change in my life since I met Jesus is:

JOY. Pure, undiluted happiness. Life hasn’t always been a rose garden for me, but when I’ve stopped to view my circumstances through my relationship with God, I can’t help but trust Him and be unashamedly happy. This life is so short – and eternity with my God is so long and wonderful, it is easy to put aside the pain and grief of present circumstance. Along with my expectation of a future with Jesus in Heaven, I have His presence with me daily in this life. It’s hard to explain, but the presence of God with me is more real and powerful than anything else I have yet experienced. Like the wind – I cannot see Him – but I sure can feel Him! People are constantly asking me why I am so happy. Jesus is the reason.

## The most important thing about Jesus to me is:

That He’s real. He’s not like the tooth-fairy, or Santa Claus. He’s a real person that I walk with, talk with, and am never without. He understands every weakness and struggle I encounter, because He also once lived in a human body somewhat like my own. He gives me practical, helpful advice when I stop to ask for it (pray.) He shows me beautiful things that keep me smiling every day. He answers my prayers for health, safety, finances, loved ones, wisdom, and much, much more. He ALWAYS loves me, even when I don’t deserve it. He isn’t religious and unattainable. He has a sense of humor, and (wonder of wonders!) is excitedly anticipating the day when we can be together, look each other in the face, and hear each other’s voices. He’s that real. And I can’t imagine life without Him.