JESUS 101: PROPHESIES

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He asked them, "What are you discussing so intently as you walk along?"They stopped short, sadness written across their faces. Then one of them, Cleopas, replied, "You must be the only person in Jerusalem who hasn't heard about all the things that have happened there the last few days." "What things?" Jesus asked. "The things that happened to Jesus, the man from Nazareth," they said. "He was a prophet who did powerful miracles, and he was a mighty teacher in the eyes of God and all the people. But our leading priests and other religious leaders handed him over to be condemned to death, and they crucified him. We had hoped he was the Messiah who had come to rescue Israel. This all happened three days ago. "Then some women from our group of his followers were at his tomb early this morning, and they came back with an amazing report. They said his body was missing, and they had seen angels who told them Jesus is alive! Some of our men ran out to see, and sure enough, his body was gone, just as the women had said." Then Jesus said to them, "You foolish people! You find it so hard to believe all that the prophets wrote in the Scriptures. Wasn't it clearly predicted that the Messiah would have to suffer all these things before entering his glory?" Then Jesus took them through the writings of Moses and all the prophets, explaining from all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. Luke 24:17-27 NLT

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Out of the stump of David's family will grow a shoot—yes, a new Branch bearing fruit from the old root. Isaiah 11:1 NLT

This is a record of the ancestors of Jesus the Messiah, a descendant of David and of Abraham... Matthew 1:1 NLT

All right then, the Lord himself will give you the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means 'God is with us'). Isaiah 7:14 NLT

This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 1:18 NLT

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, are only a small village among all the people of Judah. Yet a ruler of Israel, whose origins are in the distant past, will come from you on my behalf. Michah 5:2 NLT

Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea. Matthew 2:1 NLT

...I loved him, and I called my son out of Egypt. Hosea 11:1 NLT

That night Joseph left for Egypt with the child and Mary, his mother, and they stayed there until Herod's death. This fulfilled what the Lord had spoken through the prophet: "I called my Son out of Egypt." Matthew 2:14-15 NLT

He was oppressed and treated harshly, yet he never said a word. He was led like a lamb to the slaughter. And as a sheep is silent before the shearers, he did not open his mouth. Unjustly condemned, he was led away. No one cared that he died without descendants, that his life was cut short in midstream. But he was struck down for the rebellion of my people. He had done no wrong and had never deceived anyone. But he was buried like a criminal; he was put in a rich man's grave. Isaiah 53:7-9 NLT

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Then Jesus said to them, "You foolish people! You find it so hard to believe all that the prophets wrote in the Scriptures." Luke 24:25 NLT

Questions for Groups

- Read Isaiah 53.
- Read Matthew 27:11-61.
- What fulfillment of prophecy do you see?
- Who in your life needs to hear the story of Jesus?
- Have you invited them to Easter at OCC?
- Pray together