

Study QUESTIONS

Ep.1395: Did Jesus Live a Scripted Life?

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1. What was Jesus' attitude towards doing God's will? (Psalms 40:7-10, John 4:34, 14:30-31, 15:11)
2. Could Jesus have fulfilled prophecies just to gain followers and attention?
Explain how that could not be true of the following prophecies/fulfillments given by Gabriel:
 - a. Jesus was prophesied to be born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14/Luke 1:26-31, also Matthew 1:23)
 - b. Jesus was prophesied to be king over Israel (Genesis 49:10/Luke 1:32,33)
3. Explain how that could not be true for these four prophecies/fulfillments about Jesus' birth and childhood:
 - a. Jesus was prophesied to be born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2/Luke 2:4-6)
 - b. Jesus was prophesied to be taken to Egypt to avoid death as a small child (Hosea 11:1/Matthew 2:12-15)
 - c. Herod's actions when the Magi did not return to him (Jeremiah 31:15-17/Matthew 2:16-17)
 - d. Jesus was prophesied to be called a Nazarene (Isaiah 11:1-2/Matthew 2:19-23)
4. Could Jesus have read these prophecies and deliberately fulfilled them? Explain:
 - a. A messenger was prophesied to prepare the way for Jesus' message (Isaiah 40:3-5/Luke 3:3-6)
 - b. His ride into Jerusalem where the people hailed him as their king (Zechariah 9:9/Mark 11:7-10, also Psalms 118:25-26)
 - c. The people would NOT believe Jesus' message (Isaiah 53:1/John 12:37-38)
 - d. The people would despise and reject him (Isaiah 53:3/John 1:11, also Luke 23:13-21)
5. Is it reasonable that Jesus scripted the Pharisees and others, and the events that led to his death? Why?
 - a. It was prophesied that Jesus would be betrayed by a friend (Psalm 41:9/Matthew 26:21-22, 48-50, John 13:26-27)
 - b. The exact price of Jesus' betrayal was prophesied to be 30 pieces of silver (Zechariah 11:12-13/Matthew 26:14-15, 27:6-7)
 - c. It was prophesied that Jesus would be mercilessly mocked and ridiculed (Psalms 22:7-8,31/Matthew 27:39-43, also, John 19:30)
 - d. It was prophesied that Jesus would be counted among wicked men and yet he would be buried with honor (Isaiah 53:9/Matthew 27:38, 57-60)
6. Jesus was "scripted" in that he did intentionally follow prophecy for certain parts of his life—his awareness of what was expected of him like the ride into Jerusalem on a donkey, his ministry, etc. Does it bother you that he did this? Share your ideas.