



The one who was prophesied

Luke 1 v 26-38 and Isaiah – Leader’s version

Check in – ask everyone, including leaders, how they are and how they're feeling about studying the Bible today.

Explain: Today we are going to investigate some of the prophecies (things that God said would happen) about the Messiah and see how they were fulfilled in the birth of Jesus.

1. Read Luke 1 v 26-38. Identify the details in the passage, as listed in the table.

Lay out the flip-chart as below. You will fill in the OT prophecies as you do the study (see completed table on the last page)

Old Testament prophecies	Luke 1 v 26-38
	Nazareth in Galilee
	Joseph, a descendant of David
	Virgin Mary
	Jesus
	The child will be called 'the Son of God'
	The child will be a king with an eternal kingdom

2. Read Luke 1 v 26 and Isaiah 9 v 1. What do you see?

Write Isaiah’s prophecy ‘God will honour Galilee, Isaiah 9 v 1’ on the right-hand side of the flip-chart, next to ‘Nazareth / Galilee’ in a column titled ‘OT prophecy’.

3. Read Luke 1 v 27 and 2 Samuel 7 v 11b-13 (God talking to King David). What prophecy from God do we see fulfilled in Luke 1?

God told David in 2 Samuel that He would establish a house (royal line) through David. This refers to David’s children, but as you read on it becomes apparent that this isn’t just about them. It’s about the One to come, whose House is for God’s Name, and whose throne and kingdom will last for ever.

Joseph was David’s descendant. Write ‘God will raise up David’s descendant, 2 Samuel 7 v 12’ in the box.

4. Read Luke 1 v 31&34 and Isaiah 7 v 14. What does Isaiah say will happen, as a sign to the people? How is this fulfilled?

The virgin will conceive and bear a son and call him Immanuel (meaning 'God with us').

Mary is a virgin, Luke 1 v 27, who conceives and bears a son. Jesus is sometimes called Immanuel, as he is, quite literally, God with us.

Write 'virgin birth, Isaiah 7 v 14' on the flip-chart next to 'virgin Mary'.

5. Read Luke 1 v 35. How is the child described to Mary and what will he be called?

He is described as 'the holy one'. The angel is telling Mary that this is no ordinary child; he is not 'special', he is holy. He will be called the Son of God – this is not just a title, it's His identity. Explain that, In Hebrew, 'Jesus' means 'the Lord saves' and write this in the box.

6. Read Isaiah 9 v 6. What names does Isaiah say will be given to the child and what do you think they mean?

Wonderful Counsellor – he is wise and discerning

Mighty God – he is God. (Write 'Jesus is Mighty God, Isaiah 9 v 6' next to 'Son of God' on the flip-chart)

Everlasting Father – he is eternal and is our true Father

Prince of Peace – he is royal and he brings peace

7. Read Luke 1 v 32-33 and Isaiah 9 v 7. What prophecies do we see fulfilled in Luke 1?

Isaiah 9 says the One to come will reign on David's throne, reigning justly and righteously for ever.

Mary is told in Luke 1 v 32 that her son will be called the Son of the Most High (= Son of God); God will give him the throne of David and his kingdom will never end.

Write 'David's greatest Son, Kingdom, eternal throne, Isaiah 9 v 7' on the flip-chart next to 'king'.

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9. Read 1 Peter 1 v 10-12. What advantage do we have today over the prophets who spoke about Jesus, hundreds of years before his death?

We have the whole picture – the prophets knew that the prophecies were about 'the One to come' but, they didn't know Jesus for themselves. We can know Jesus. Verse 12 says that angels long to look into these things – we are offered a gift that not even the angels are offered! The question for us is, do we repent and believe, now we have all the information?

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You have (or can access) all the information you need to know who Jesus is and why He came. You have a major advantage over Moses and Abraham!! How are you going to respond?

(You may need to recap the gospel)

Check out – with the group sitting in a semi-circle go round and ask everyone, including leaders, how they found the study and if they are safe to go back to the cell.

You should have created this table by the end of the study!

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