

LIFE Group Sermon Questions

Triple Crown: Prophet

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Acts 3:17-26



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“And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. 18 But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. 19 Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, 20 that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, 21 whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago. 22 Moses said, ‘The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers. You shall listen to him in whatever he tells you. 23 And it shall be that every soul who does not listen to that prophet shall be destroyed from the people.’ 24 And all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and those who came after him, also proclaimed these days. 25 You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, ‘And in your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.’ 26 God, having raised up his servant, sent him to you first, to bless you by turning every one of you from your wickedness.”

Sermon Outline

I. What Jesus the prophet says

- a. The judgment of God (Acts 3:23; John 5:28-29)
- b. The salvation of sinners (Acts 3:18-19; John 3:16)
- c. The restoration of all things (Acts 3:21; Revelation 21:5)

II. What to do with what Jesus the prophet says

- a. Listen (Acts 3:22)
- b. Repent (Acts 3:18-19)
- c. Speak (Acts 3:25)

Discussion Questions

1. What did you learn today from the Scripture passage(s) that you didn't know before? What is something that hit you in a fresh way?

2. What gets in the way of you thinking about Jesus at Christmas? How might you adjust your “sight” to see him more clearly this December?

3. What is the difference between a prophet speaking the Word of God vs. a person who speaks *about* God? Why is it important to make that distinction?

4. In John 12:49, Jesus says that though he is God, he submitted to his Father and spoke what he'd been given to say. How would you summarize some of the other things Jesus said while he was on earth?
5. Take some time to flip through the Old Testament prophets for some examples of how they spoke about 1.) the judgment of God, 2.) the salvation of sinners, and 3.) the restoration of all things. (Hint: the book of Isaiah is a good place to look!)
6. What are some differences between the Old Testament prophets and Jesus the prophet? What are some other similarities (outside their message)?
7. In Acts 3:18, 22, and 24, Peter reminds us that all the Old Testament prophets spoke about Jesus. Jesus himself took that view, too (read Luke 24:27). Where else in the Old Testament can you "see" Jesus?
8. What does it look like practically to listen to Jesus? What does it look like *not* to listen to Jesus?
9. What encouragement do you need in your listening to Jesus by reading his Word? Write that down and ask the Lord to help you.
10. Take an example or two of something Jesus says. How does *that* thing he says meant for your good?
11. Repentance isn't merely a change of *mind*. It's a change of *life*. How would people look on your life and know that you've turned from your sin to follow Jesus? No Christian will ever be totally *free* from sin in this life, so what does repentance look like even when we're struggling with our sin?
12. How would you explain to someone
- ...the judgment of God?
 - ...the salvation of sinners?
 - ...the restoration of all things?
13. Why is it important to tell people about Jesus specifically (as opposed to, say, God generally)?
14. Who do you know who needs to hear about Jesus this Christmas? Take a few minutes to pray for them and to pray that God might give you an opportunity to tell them about him.