

JESUS THE PROPHET (1)



Shalom Grove Church
Sunday Worship (Dec. 7, 2025)

THE MAGI AND GIFTS



- Three gifts that magi gave to Jesus
 - On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped Him. Then they opened their treasures and presented Him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh (Matt. 2:11-2).
 - Symbolic meanings
 - **Gold**: A precious metal for royalty, acknowledging Jesus as the King and eternal ruler.
 - **Frankincense**: An incense used in Temple worship, symbolizing Jesus's divine nature, as High Priest.
 - **Myrrh**: Used for embalming and perfumes, foreshadowing Jesus's suffering, death, resurrection.
 - Connection to Roles
 - King: Gold affirms his kingship.
 - Priest: Frankincense signifies his priestly role and mediation between God and humanity.
 - Prophet: Myrrh points to his prophetic mission and his role as the ultimate sacrifice for humanity's sins
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OLD TESTAMENT OFFICES FOR ISRAEL

- **Prophets**

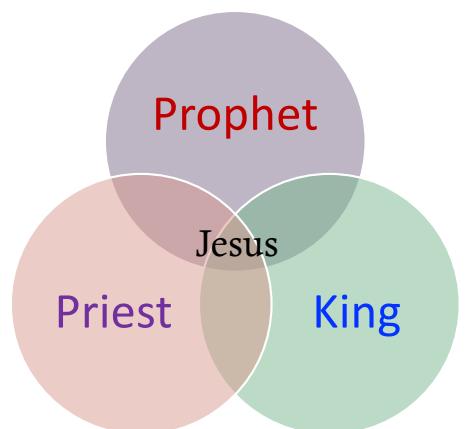
- Served by speaking God's words to the people.
- They spoke about the nature and the heart of God; sin and judgement; forgiveness and mercy from God.
- Jesus reveals God to us and speaks God's words to us.

- **Priests**

- Offered sacrifices, prayers, and praises to God on behalf of the people.
- Mediators to allow people access to god.
- Jesus offers a sacrifice to God on our behalf and is himself the sacrifice that is offered.

- **Kings**

- The king ruled over the people as God's representative.
 - Jesus rules over the church and over the universe in His future role when He comes again.
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WHO IS A PROPHET?

- Prophets are spokesmen for God (God's representatives/messengers)
 - Transmitting what God Himself had told him to say.
 - The source of the message was God and not the prophet.
 - That night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying... (2 Samuel 7:4).
 - Before Isaiah had left the middle court, the word of the LORD came to him (2 Kings 20:4).
 - The word of the LORD came to me, saying...(Jeremiah 1:4).
 - At the end of seven days the word of the LORD came to me (Ezekiel 3:16).
 - Jesus the prophet
 - Jesus is God's ultimate messenger, providing a direct revelation of God's will for salvation and redemption.
 - I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me...I always do what please him (John 8:28-29).
 - For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me (John 17:8).
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THE BIBLE CONFIRMS JESUS IS A PROPHET

- Jesus is the coming Prophet that Moses spoke of and the Jews anticipated for 1,400 years.
 - The LORD your God will raise up for you a **prophet** like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him (Deuteronomy 18:15).
 - The Gospels on the Prophet
 - After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, “Surely this is the **Prophet** who is to come into the world (John 6:14).
 - They were all filled with awe and praised God. “A great **prophet** has appeared among us” (Luke 7:16).
 - They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the **prophets**.” (Matthew 16:14).
 - On hearing his words, some of the people said, “Surely this man is the **Prophet**.” (John 7:40).
 - Beginning with Moses and all the **Prophets**, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself (Luke 24:27).
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WAS JESUS JUST A PROPHET?

- Jesus is the supreme object and the subject of biblical prophecy
 - Jesus is the source of the prophetic message and the central focus or fulfillment of all biblical prophecy.
 - He is the Messiah (John 7:41)
 - Subject of prophecy
 - Jesus is the ultimate source and a speaker of God's prophetic message.
 - He is not merely a messenger but the divine Word of God through whom all truth is communicated.
 - Object of prophecy
 - Jesus is the main character and recipient of the Old Testament predictions.
 - All prophecies concerning the Messiah—including his birth in Bethlehem, his miracles, his atoning sacrifice, and his resurrection—were fulfilled in his life, death, and resurrection.
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JESUS IS THE FULFILMENT OF PROPHECY

- Jesus fulfilled Ancient Prophecies
 - In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. (Hebrews 1:1-2).
 - Timing
 - As the prophets of old spoke messages from God, so Jesus came to bring a saving message.
 - Audience
 - God spoke long ago to our fathers but in these last days he has spoken to us, the people of God.
 - Messengers
 - In the past: Many times, in many ways God spoke to our fathers by the prophets (plural).
 - In these last days: God has spoken to us by His Son (singular).
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JESUS THE ULTIMATE, SUPREME PROPHET

- Jesus supersedes all other prophets
 - Old Testament prophets (like Moses, Isaiah) spoke for God, but Jesus is God's definitive voice and revelation.
 - He uniquely combines the prophetic (revealing God), priestly (mediating), and kingly (ruling) roles, a fullness anticipated by the separate offices in the Old Testament.
 - Jesus the ultimate Prophet
 - He didn't just deliver God's message; He was the Word of God, knowing and revealing the Father's heart.
 - The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us (John 1:14).
 - Jesus fulfilled Old Testament expectations, particularly the promise in Deuteronomy 18:15-19 for a prophet like Moses, to whom people must listen (Acts 3:22-23).
 - He's more than a messenger; He's the perfect mediator, revealing God's love and purpose, and offering the path to eternal life through His teachings and redemptive work.
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WHAT WOULD WE DO WITH JESUS THE ULTIMATE PROPHET

- **Listen and Obey** (Acknowledge His authority)
 - Since Jesus is the ultimate source of divine truth, we need to listen to him and accept them as authoritative.
 - Dedicate yourself to reading and understanding the Gospels to internalize the teachings of Jesus.
- **Believe and Trust** (Accept His identity)
 - The prophets pointed to salvation, but Jesus is salvation. The ultimate prophetic message is the Gospel.
 - Accept Jesus as the Son of God and the Savior who died for sins and rose again.
 - Recognize that because he is the Ultimate Prophet/Priest, access to God is only through him.
- **Emulate and Share** (Fulfill His commission)
 - As followers of the ultimate prophet, Christians are called to live out and share his message.
 - Strive to exhibit the same character traits Jesus modeled: compassion, humility, justice, and self-sacrifice.
 - Share the ultimate prophetic message with others, teaching them to observe everything Jesus commanded.

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