

Advent 2020

Jesus: Prophet, Priest, King

Jesus as Prophet
Deuteronomy 18:15-19
November 29, 2020

The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen. - **Deuteronomy 18:15**

I. JESUS — FROM EVERLASTING TO EVERLASTING

- Prior to his incarnation, Jesus lived. He exists eternally as the eternally begotten Word of God (John 1:1-5, 9; 1 Pet. 1:11).
- Jesus was the perfect prophet (John 8:45-47, 12:49-50; 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Pet. 2:22; 1 John 3:5).
- Jesus was a prophet, yet unlike any prophet. He spoke with God's authority, which was in fact his own authority (Matt. 5:21-43).

II. JESUS — THE FINAL PROPHET

- Jesus is not just *a* prophet, he is *the* prophet (Matt. 21:11; John 1:21; Act 3:22-24).
- Moses promised a prophetic movement, a series of prophets, to be ultimately and perfectly fulfilled in Jesus (Deut. 18:18; John 1:21, 45; 5:46; 6:14; Acts 3:22-26; 7:37).
- Jesus claimed the title “prophet” for himself (Mark 6:4; Luke 13:33; John 8:26).

III. JESUS — THE FINAL WORD

- Jesus brought to a closure the office of prophet (Heb. 1:1-4; 2 Pet. 1:19; Jude 3).
- Jesus was (and remains) the greatest of the prophets (Matt. 11:11; Heb. 3:3).
- Jesus is the ultimate revealer of God, and in him and him alone lies the word of salvation (John 14:6; Acts 4:12).

KNOW: God fulfilled the prophecy of Deut. 18:15-19 uniquely in Jesus Christ. We are called to listen to him as he delivers to us God's final word. That word may be summed up like this: “salvation is found in no other name.”

DO: Seek truth in Jesus and find life.

Suggested Reading:

Too Good to Be False: How Jesus' Incomparable Character Reveals His Reality by Tom Gilson (Available in the LifePoint Library)

None Greater: The Undomesticated Attributes of God by Matthew Barrett (Available in the LifePoint Library)

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please Read Deuteronomy 18:15-19.

1. What is the promise laid out here in this passage?
2. What makes Jesus as Prophet in Christianity different than the Jesus as prophet proclaimed in Islam, Judaism, etc.?
3. Read Matt. 11:7-15. What is Jesus talking about in reference to John the Baptist? In what ways did the prophets and law stop speaking after John?
4. In what way is Jesus' word different than the word of any other prophet?
5. In what ways, if any, are you seeking Jesus in new ways during Advent this year?
6. What does it mean to you that Jesus is the promised Prophet? Does it impact you in any meaningful way?