

I am Convinced; Jesus was Christ Acts 18:5

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Acts 18:5 And when Silas and Timotheus were come from Macedonia, Paul was pressed in the spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus was Christ.

Pressed- compelled, constrained, bursting inside, he had a dose of the “can’t help its.”

The Scripture records that Paul, being pressed in the spirit, must tell these Jews something. I cannot wait or hesitate any longer. I cannot hold it inside. I must tell them now that *Jesus was Christ*.

I feel I came here this morning somewhat like Paul felt. I must tell you Jesus was Christ.

There are 3 things, I believe, that would convince the world Jesus was Christ if the world would listen. I will share these three things.

His Prophecy

No book was written that forecast my birth. No book written forecast Hitler’s birth. No one recorded the coming of Mohammed. Hundreds of years before his birth, no document recorded the coming birth of the president of the USA. Yet, 1526 years prior to his birth, a man named Moses was born. At approximate age 125 years old, God begin to speak to this man Moses, and Moses began to record something called the Scripture. He did not write long, in fact, Genesis 3:15, he recorded that the seed of the woman, Jesus Christ, could be born.

II Peter 1:21 *For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.* Some 40 men came along after Moses, and just as Moses had been spoken to by God, they, too, were spoken to and wrote down what God spoke.

John 1:45 *Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.*

No one knew I was on the way, then when my mother announced her conception, no one cared. Some probably said “I hope it’s a girl.” My older sisters probably said “another one for us to babysit.”

* The city (750 years before his birth)

Mic 5:2 *But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.*

I thought I would impress my wife a couple weeks ago by taking her to the building where I was born. This building faces main street in downtown Andrews, NC, population 1,819. I don’t think she was impressed.

* The lineage

Of the tribe of Judah, seed of David

* The mother (some 750 years before his birth)

The prophet Isaiah said “let me tell you a little about Jesus’s mother.” Isa 7:14 *Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.*

* His purpose

Isa 49:26 *And I will feed them that oppress thee with their own flesh; and they shall be drunken with their own blood, as with sweet wine: and all flesh shall know that I the LORD am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.*

* His wisdom

Isa 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

* His manner of death
Isa 53

His Preaching

Mk 1:14-15 *Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, 15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.*

* pointed
Repent or perish. “ye are of your father the devil.”

* plain
I am the vine, ye are the branches.
I am the door, you are the sheep.
Jn 8:44 “Ye are of *your* father the devil...”

He was God of the universe and he did more than any other individual who ever lived to shape the history of mankind. Yet, he spoke in ordinary man’s language. He wrote “a fool shall not ere therein.”

* powerful
- Samaritan woman had six men whisper in her ear “Oh, honey, I love you more than life itself.” “You the best thing that ever happened to me.” “I would die for you, sweetie pie.” Next evening, he would not come home and never see him again.

One day she made a trip to the well carrying that old heavy water pot. John 4:29 *Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?*

- Buyer and sellers in temple

* prophetic

- Kill me and I arise the third day

- Mine hour as come John 12 and 13 and had no watch or calendar.

- Prophetised he would come back to the earth...I will be back to the earth (Acts 1, just can't tell you when)

His Power

Mt 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

* Power over matter

Water to wine John 2

* Power over the elements

Calm sea John 6

* Power over hunger

Feed 5000 John 6

* Power over distance

Nobleman's son John 4

He Cana of Galilee and sick son at Capernaum

Go home. Your son is well.

* Power over himself

Son born blind John 9

He made him blind, and he made him to see

* Power over sickness

Heal sick pool Bethesda John 5