



Prophet

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And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. Luke 24:27 (ESV)

When Jesus Christ came, we saw the fulfillment of three roles, which were foreshadowed in the Old Testament:

1. The perfect prophet, who most fully reveals God and speaks God's words to us
2. The perfect high priest, who offered the supreme sacrifice for sins and who reconciles and brings His people near to God
3. The true and rightful king of the universe, who rules over the church and who will reign forever with a scepter of righteousness over the new heavens and new earth. (Isaiah 9:7; John 18:36)

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This week, we'll explore the ways that Jesus fulfills the office of prophet. In the following weeks, we will look at His roles of priest and king.

The Office of Prophet

Throughout the history of Scripture, God often chose to give authoritative and true guidance through His prophets. These men and women authoritatively applied God's covenants to the situations His people faced. Prophets were specially anointed to reveal God's truth to people. When God had something to say to people, He told a prophet His message and the prophet would speak God's words of truth, words of warning, and words of hope.

In Deuteronomy 18:22, Moses describes a strict requirement of prophets:

when a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the word does not come to pass or come true, that is a word that the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously. You need not be afraid of him.

Jesus, the Better Prophet

Read what Moses prophesied in Deuteronomy 18:15–19.

[Q] What does Peter add to this portrait of Christ in Acts 3:22–26?

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."

[Q] In what ways did Jesus identify Himself as a prophet in John 12:48–50?

[Q] How is Christ's ministry better than that of Moses, according to the following passages?
Hebrews 3:3–6

Hebrews 8:6

[Q] Describe how Jesus acted as a prophet in Matthew 5:27-28.

Apply

God Himself identified Jesus as the ultimate prophet like Moses, the final mediator of the covenant.

[Q] Compare what Moses said about Jesus in Deuteronomy with what God the Father commanded during Jesus' transfiguration in Matthew:

Deuteronomy 18:15

Moses said, *"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."*

Matthew 17:5

He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

[Q] Are you listening to Him? How can you become a better listener to Jesus? How can the group encourage you in your Bible reading?

*It's not too late to jump into the *Portraits of Christ* Bible reading plan. The booklet is available in the Valley Avon Welcome Area or you can download it from [the Valley website](#) sermon page.*

[Q] In what ways have we been given a role of speaking God's truth as we proclaim the Gospel to the world and bring God's saving Word to people? (Acts 1:8)

[Q] How does this study add to your understanding of who Jesus is and what He came to do? How does it impact your love for Him?

Pray

Extra: read Matthew 24 and 25 noting the prophetic role of Jesus.