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Jesus as Prophet

Moses said:

Deuteronomy 18:17-19 17 "And the Lord said to me: 'What they have spoken is good.
18 I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him.
19 And it shall be *that* whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My name, I will require *it* of him.

>>> Today we need to study the words of Jesus…

Moses predicted that " 'the LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear' " *(Deut. 18:15, NKJV).*

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Who was the prophet? Scripture itself makes it clear: it was pointing to Jesus Himself. " 'For Moses truly said to the fathers, "The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you" ' " *(Acts 3:22, NKJV; see also John 6:14).*

What is the prophetic role of Jesus? How was this question answered in Jesus' time? *(Matt. 16:13-16, Mark 8:27-29, Luke 9:18-20).*

The jews, priests, and Levites knew that the Prophet was coming
John 1:19-23 NKJV 19 Now this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?"
20 He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ."
21 And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" (KJV "that prophet") And he answered, "No."
22 Then they said to him, "Who are you, that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?"
23 He said: "I *am* 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Make straight the way of the Lord," ' as the prophet Isaiah said."

REF:>>Jhn 1:21 KJV And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No.

From SDA BC
That prophet. Literally, "the prophet," that is, the prophet foretold by Moses in Deut. 18:15 (see comment there). There was a popular belief that Moses would

be raised from the dead, and some apparently wondered whether John might be he (see DA 135). Later, the people thought the same thing of Jesus (John 6:14; 7:40; cf. Acts 3:22; 7:37).

John 6:13 **13** Therefore they gathered *them* up, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten.
14 Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, "**This is truly the Prophet** who is to come into the world."
15 Therefore when Jesus perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, He departed again to the mountain by Himself alone.

Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?
Matthew 16:13-16 **13** When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?"
14 So they said, "Some *say* John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."
15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"
16 Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

REF:>> **Mark 8:27** **27** Now Jesus and His disciples went out to the towns of Caesarea Philippi; and on the road He asked His disciples, saying to them, "Who do men say that I am?"
Mark 8:**28** So they answered, "John the Baptist; but some *say,* Elijah; and others, one of the prophets."
29 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered and said to Him, "You are the Christ."

REF:>> **Luke 9:18** **18** And it happened, as He was alone praying, *that* His disciples joined Him, and He asked them, saying, "Who do the crowds say that I am?"
19 So they answered and said, "John the Baptist, but some *say* Elijah; and others *say* that one of the old prophets has risen again."
20 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"
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John 3:32-34 (KJV)

32 And what he hath seen and heard, that he testifieth; and no man receiveth his testimony.
33 He that hath received his testimony hath set to his seal that God is true.
34 For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure *unto him.*

John 5:19 (KJV)

19 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

John 6:38-40 (KJV)

38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.
39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.
40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

John 7:16 (KJV)

16 Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me.

John 8:28 (KJV)

28 Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am *he,* and *that* I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.

John 8:40 (KJV)

40 But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham.

John 12:49 (KJV)

49 For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak.

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REF:>>**Jhn 3:25** Then there arose a question between *some* of John's disciples and the Jews about purifying.

Jhn 3:26 And they came unto John, and said unto him, Rabbi, he that was with thee beyond Jordan, to whom thou barest witness, behold, the same baptizeth, and all *men* come to him.

John the Baptist said:

Jhn 3:30 He must increase, but I *must* decrease.

Jhn 3:31 He that cometh from above is above all: he that is of the earth is earthly, and speaketh of the earth: he that cometh from heaven is above all.

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Jhn 3:35 The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand.

Jhn 3:36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

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A common Christian estimate is **more than 300 Old Testament prophecies and foreshadowings** fulfilled in Jesus. However, this total often includes repeated predictions, symbolic types, patterns, and passages that have both an immediate historical meaning and a later messianic fulfillment.

A stricter count of **distinct, direct messianic prophecies** is usually closer to **40–60**.

Question: what is the probability of one person fulfilling all the Old Testament prophets prophecies concerning the Messiah?

Answer
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It is **not possible to calculate scientifically the exact odds of one person fulfilling all the messianic prophecies**, because we do not have reliable numerical probabilities for each event. Nevertheless, a famous Christian illustration shows how extraordinary even a small selection would be.

Professor Peter W. Stoner estimated the probability of one person fulfilling only **eight** selected prophecies by chance as:

> **1 chance in 100,000,000,000,000,000** (100 quadrillion)
> or **1 in 10^{17}**

That is one chance in **one hundred quadrillion**. His eight examples included the Messiah's birth in Bethlehem, the arrival of a messenger before Him, His entry into Jerusalem on a donkey, His betrayal, the thirty pieces of silver, and details concerning His wounds and death. ([Science Speaks][1])

No exact mathematical probability can be established, but the convergence in Jesus of numerous specific predictions—many beyond His personal control**—**makes accidental fulfillment extraordinarily implausible.****

Jesus could not humanly choose His ancestry, birthplace, the political circumstances of His death, the price paid by His betrayer, what others would do with that money, how the soldiers would treat His clothing, or the kind of tomb in which He would be buried. The cumulative case is therefore much stronger than any one prophecy considered alone.

Jesus, as the Christ, the Messiah, is the One to whom all the Old Testament prophets pointed. In the New Testament, Jesus is recognized as the fulfilment of their Messianic prophecies. In Luke 24:13-35, He presents Himself as the One to whom the Messianic prophecies pointed.

more than a prophet

Matthew 11:7 **7** As they departed, Jesus began to say to the multitudes concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind?
8 But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed, those who wear soft *clothing* are in kings' houses.
9 But what did you go out to see? **A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet.**
10 For this is *he* of whom it is written: 'Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You.'
11 "Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

>>> Jesus is also more than a prophet

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In fact, in John 1:1-5, the description given of the Word here does not fit any human being or mere human prophet. The Word is identified as the Creator, for "all things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made" *(John 1:3, NKJV)*. That is, He created all that was created, which is the entire cosmos, now estimated to be 93 billion light-years wide.

In every "and God said" of Genesis 1, we hear Jesus speaking. He who said, "Let there be light" *(Gen. 1:3)* is also the "light of men" *(John 1:4)*, and through the plan of salvation *(John 1:4, 5)*, He was dispelling earth's darkness.

God's prophetic words are certain and confirmed. When heeded, they are "a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts" *(2 Pet. 1:19, NKJV)*. Prophecy will continue to bring light to our sinful world until Jesus, "the Morning Star," and Source of that prophetic light, will usher in His eternal kingdom.

Until then, through His life, death, and resurrection, Christ offers us all eternal life. The only question is whether or not we will accept it.

Dwell on the fact that Jesus, the Creator *(John 1:1-3)***, is also the one who died on the cross for your sins. What does this amazing truth teach about the reality of God's love for us?**

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Deu 18:16 According to all that thou desiredst of the LORD thy God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not.

Deu 18:17 And the LORD said unto me, They have well *spoken that* which they have spoken.

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Stoner illustrated that number by imagining the state of Texas covered approximately two feet deep with silver dollars. Mark one coin, mix them all, blindfold a person, and let him select one coin. The probability of choosing the marked coin would represent his proposed odds.

He then gave much larger estimates:

* **Eight prophecies:** 1 in 10^{17}

* **Sixteen prophecies:** 1 in 10^{45}
* **Forty-eight prophecies:** 1 in 10^{157}

A number such as **10^{157}** is unimaginably large—1 followed by 157 zeros.

An important caution

These figures should be presented as an **illustration, not a mathematically proven probability**. Stoner and his students assigned estimates to events for which no complete historical statistics exist. Furthermore, probabilities can simply be multiplied only when the events are independent, or when their conditional relationships have been properly calculated. Many messianic details are related—for example, rejection, betrayal, arrest, trial and crucifixion—so they cannot automatically be treated like unrelated coin tosses. ([Statistics LibreTexts][2])

There is also disagreement over what counts as a direct prediction. Christian sources variously identify approximately 50 to more than 400 messianic passages because some count only explicit predictions, while others include types, symbols, repeated references and prophetic patterns. ([MDPI][3])

The strongest conclusion

We should therefore avoid claiming:

> “Mathematics has scientifically proven that the probability is exactly 1 in 10^{157}.”

A more defensible statement would be:

> **No exact mathematical probability can be established, but the convergence in Jesus of numerous specific predictions—many beyond His personal control—makes accidental fulfillment extraordinarily implausible.**

Jesus could not humanly choose His ancestry, birthplace, the political circumstances of His death, the price paid by His betrayer, what others would do with that money, how the soldiers would treat His clothing, or the kind of tomb in which He would be buried. The cumulative case is therefore much stronger than any one prophecy considered alone.

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Who Is He?

John 7:40 **40** Therefore many from the crowd, when they heard this saying, said, **"Truly this is the Prophet."**
41 **Others said, "This is the Christ."**
But some said, "Will the Christ come out of Galilee?
42 Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from the town of Bethlehem, where David was?"
43 So there was a division among the people because of Him.
44 Now some of them wanted to take Him, but no one laid hands on Him.
45 Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why have you not brought Him?"
46 **The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this Man!"**