

WOULD THE REAL MESSIAH PLEASE STAND UP? PART I

Reference: Miscellaneous Scripture

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Research from the Barna Group reveals that most people in the US believe that Jesus was an actual historical person. The percentages though do differ some according to generations:

Builder generation (born before 1946) ____%

Boomer generation (born between 1946-1964) ____%

Buster generation (generation X) (born 1965-early 1980's) ____%

Millennial generation (generation Y) (born mid1980's—early 2000's) ____%

Altogether ____% believe Jesus actually existed on this earth. Since most people accept that Jesus wasn't some fictional character or urban legend then the next question is, **who was Jesus?**

Jesus actually asked His disciples that question about Himself.

Reference: **Matthew 16:13-17** (see screen)

Simon Peter recognized that Jesus was both the promised _____
"the Christ" and _____ Himself "the Son of the living God."

The first Christians used two basic arguments to convince people as to the identification of Jesus and to then encourage them to accept Jesus for themselves.

The FIRST argument was the _____, i.e. the literal bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Apologist Sean McDowell said the earlier focus on the resurrection is found in four things:

- earliest Christian _____
- _____ throughout Acts
Reference: **Acts 2:22-24** (see screen)
- _____ from Paul
- _____ from the earlier church fathers

The SECOND argument was _____.

Definition: Messianic prophecies were specific predictions made about the promised Jewish Messiah _____ before the Messiah would be born.

One of the covenants or promises God made to the Jewish people was that He would send them a Messiah. The actual term "Messiah" is translated from a Hebrew word that means "_____
one...or one who had been _____."

The word "Christ" is the New Testament Greek equivalent of the Old Testament Hebrew term "Messiah." That means the name Jesus Christ is the same as _____ the _____.

Reference: **Acts 3:18; 17:1-4** (see screen)

Cannon Lidden counted _____ Old Testament passages that contain detailed Messianic prophecies; _____ of which are considered **major** Messianic prophecies.

BIBLICAL TIME LINE CHART

Old Testament Books

New Testament Books

1500 BC

400 BC

50 AD

100AD

The first messianic prophecy is found in:

Reference: **Genesis 3:15** (see screen)

Reference: **Luke 24:27, 44** (see screen)

There are three basic arguments some use against messianic prophecies being fulfilled in Jesus:

ONE is that all of these prophecies were written either _____ or _____, the time of Jesus, which means these statements were not prophetic in the actual sense of the term.

TWO is that these supposed fulfilled messianic prophecies were _____.

THREE is that the fulfillment of these prophecies is just _____.

Question: Why didn't ancient Jewish people then and modern Jewish people now not accept Jesus (Yeshua) as the promised Messiah?

Answer: Jewish people have always rejected Jesus (Yeshua) as Messiah because He doesn't fit their Messianic _____.

Christianity understands that Messiah would become two things:

- He would become the _____ (**Isaiah 53:5-12**)
- He would become the ultimate global ruler i.e. _____ (**Isaiah 9:1-7**)