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Shepherd's Path

A Shepherd's Personal Devotions

Jesus Is the King Series, Lesson 28

Lesson Title: Get Real (Our Jesus Came for Real)

Take Home Point: Jesus is the answer to our puzzles.

Warm-Up:

This week's lesson is about the many prophecies of the Old Testament that were fulfilled by Jesus. For the warm-up, read these examples:

Isaiah 7:14

Luke 1:26-31

Micah 5:2

Luke 2:6,7

Isaiah 11:1

Matthew 2:14,15

Isaiah 61:1

Luke 4:16-21

Zechariah 9:9

Mark 11:1-11

Psalms 22:1-18

Matthew 27:31-50

Isaiah 53:3-9

Matthew 27:12-14

Read: Luke 24:13-45

Observation (What happened?):

Who did Jesus claim to be?

In Luke 24, what did Jesus say about the prophecies regarding himself?

Interpretation (What does it mean?):

Why are there so many prophecies about Jesus in the Old Testament?

Do you think the prophets and writers of the Old Testament understood all the prophecies they made?

Insight:

The books of the Old Testament were written by 30 different authors over the course of about 1000 years. Over the length of that time, those authors tell a cohesive and singular story of God's creation and interaction with human beings. That is more than remarkable. It is divine. But intermingled with the history of how God revealed his plan and dealt with his people are many prophecies of the One who would bring rescue from our sin and its consequences. Some are more specific than others; some were revealed and written in such a way that the words were both current to the situation in which they were written and also prophetic. Today's warm up listed eight individual prophecies that stand out. At one time, a mathematician calculated the likelihood that one man, from the beginning of recorded time to the present, would fulfill all eight prophecies by himself. The odds of that happening are 1×10^{17} , or 100,000,000,000,000,000! That's God work!

Application (What does it mean to me?):

If God brought all of those prophecy puzzle pieces together in one person, his Son Jesus, what puzzle are you facing that he can also help you bring together?

Take a few minutes to thank God that nothing is too big for him to handle.