

**Luke 1:35** - The angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God."

37. These prophecies by Gabriel bring the prophecies from the Tanakh into the New Testament and serve to corroborate one another.
38. The fulfillment is recorded by Luke in chapter 3, a passage with which you are surely familiar but if you were then benighted here is the link:
39. [http://www.joegriffin.org/Pages/ClassArchiveSubject.aspx?SeriesID=TG09&ClassNumberStart=15&ClassNumberEnd=29&Subject=The+Annunciations%3a+Joseph%2c+Mary%2c+%26+the+Virgin+Birth+%e2%80%a2+The+Concept+of+Freedom+by+the+Founding+Fathers+\(2009\)](http://www.joegriffin.org/Pages/ClassArchiveSubject.aspx?SeriesID=TG09&ClassNumberStart=15&ClassNumberEnd=29&Subject=The+Annunciations%3a+Joseph%2c+Mary%2c+%26+the+Virgin+Birth+%e2%80%a2+The+Concept+of+Freedom+by+the+Founding+Fathers+(2009)) See lessons 28 and 29.
40. The Lord's childhood is recorded in Luke 2:39-52. Silent years follow until John the Baptist introduces Jesus as Messiah in Luke 3 which also includes the Chart Pedigree of Jesus' royal line in verses 23-38.
41. The events of the Incarnation are presented in each of the four Gospels including fulfillment of prophecies about the Lord's Passion, crucifixion, spiritual and physical deaths, and resurrection.
42. These events also were examined in the study of *Vicarious Sacrifice: Isaiah 52:13-53:12*. We put this title in hiatus in order to begin the study, *Is Jesus the Messiah?* which we are about to conclude. But the resurrection of our Lord is the final piece of evidence that identifies Jesus as Messiah.
43. Nevertheless, there are several "prophecy-fulfillment" passages yet to note for full coverage of the most convincing event of the process.

# Is Jesus the Messiah?

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## The Resurrection: Prophecy and Fulfillment: Psalm 22

44. In our study of Daniel 9, we were emphasizing Daniel's "clock" which would commence with one event and count down through 70 heptads totaling 490 years.
45. The clock began ticking with the decree of Artaxerxes which allowed the Jews to leave Babylon and return to Israel. This occurred in B.C. 445.
46. The termination occurred on Palm Sunday, in the year A.D. 33 with the crucifixion and subsequent resurrection of our Lord to follow over the next few days.
47. As mentioned earlier, the Messianic Psalms provide numerous prophecies that refer to the hypostatic union of Christ, His undiminished deity and His true humanity.
48. David, a Jew, was guided by Inspiration to write about Gentiles, namely Romans, yet to enter into history, who used a system of capital punishment unknown to the Jews.
49. We will select several verses from Psalm 22 to illustrate the point while noting prophecies related to the physical death of Jesus and His resurrection.

### Psalm 22: A Psalm of David

**Psalm 22:1a** - My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?

1. The double vocative "My God," expresses the intensity of the suffering associated with the imputation of humanity's sins to Jesus.
2. This expression was fulfilled on the cross as reported by Matthew in:

**Matthew 27:46** - About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “ἤλι ἤλι λεμὰ σαβαχθάνι (*Ēlī, Ēlī, lemá sabachtháni?*)” that is, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”

3. Separation from God the Father, the judicial imputation of human sins, identification with those sins, and their judgment stimulated the Lord’s scream from the cross.
4. The physical pain inflicted by the events of the Passion or the unmerciful introduction of nails to affix His person to the cross did not elicit a sound. Our sins did.
5. During the judgment of our sins, fellowship between the true humanity of Christ and God the Father was broken. This prophecy is amplified further in verse 2:

**Psalm 22:2** - O My God, I scream by daylight [ 9:00 A.M.–noon ], but You do not answer Me. And by night [ supernatural darkness from noon to 3:00 P.M. ], You are silent.

6. The fulfillment of the prophecy:

**Matthew 27:45** - Now from the sixth hour [ noon ] until the ninth hour [ 3:00 P.M. ], darkness came over all the land [ Jesus was divinely enshrouded in darkness while being judged for our sins ].

7. The next verse is David’s recognition of the integrity of God and by application the same was acknowledged by the true humanity of Christ:

**Psalm 22:3** - You [ God the Father ] are holy [ divine integrity ] and worthy of the praises of Israel.

8. Verse 4 is a comment by David as he trusts in the Lord to deliver him as He had done for David’s ancestors. God will also deliver Jesus through resurrection following the judgment of the cross.

**Psalm 22:4** - Our fathers trusted in You [ application of faith-rest, the spiritual modus operandi of the dispensation of Israel ]. They trusted and You delivered them [ this would include many of the faith-rest heroes cited in Hebrews 11 ].