



Jesus Christ, the Greatest Prophet

Do you remember learning about Moses? God chose Moses to be His **prophet**. A prophet is someone who is sent by God to speak His message. A prophet sometimes speaks words of promise and sometimes speaks words of judgment from God. The message God gave Moses was that He would save His people from the Egyptians and lead them to the promised land. In his message to God's people before he died, Moses said, "The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your countrymen, you shall listen to him."

The Prophet that Moses was talking about is Jesus, the greatest Prophet of all whom God would send. When Jesus came to earth, He brought many messages from God, but the most important message was that He would die and rise again. Jesus, who is the greatest Prophet, is also our High Priest and King. We will study more about Jesus' work as High Priest and King in the next two lessons.

One day, Jesus was in His home town of Nazareth. It was His habit to go to the **synagogue** on the **Sabbath**. The text to be read that day was what Isaiah had written about the great Prophet mentioned by Moses. Jesus stood up, and the book was handed to Him. He read, "THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES, AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED." After He finished reading, Jesus sat



down. Everyone's eyes were on Him. "Today," Jesus said, "this Scripture has been **fulfilled** in your hearing."

The people understood that Jesus was claiming to be the great Prophet. As Jesus continued to speak, they became angry and would not believe what He told them. How could this Man who had grown up among them be the promised One? The people became so filled with **rage** that they drove



Him out of the city and tried to throw Him off a cliff. But Jesus simply walked through the angry **mob** and went on His way. Many people refused to believe that Jesus was the great Prophet God had promised to send. They did not realize He was the promised Savior.

God's Word tells us that we are all sinners and in need of Jesus the Savior. Do you know someone who doesn't want to believe that he or she is a sinner? How do others respond when you talk about Jesus? Does it matter what others think?

What Jesus says is true. Jesus is our great Prophet who tells us that we sin. We

know that what is written about Him in the Scriptures is true, that He died and rose again for you and for all sinners. No other prophet could have done that.

God sent Jesus the Prophet to proclaim good news to the poor. You are poor because you are sinful. You do sin, and you need a Savior. The good news for you is that because Jesus died and rose again, He forgives you, saves you, and gives you victory over sin and death. All of this is yours through faith because of God's goodness to you. Jesus is the greatest Prophet, and He is more than a prophet. He is your Savior.

ACTIVITY 1

Jesus Said . . .

Jesus the greatest Prophet tells us many things in the Bible. Look up these verses and finish the sentences by filling in the missing words.

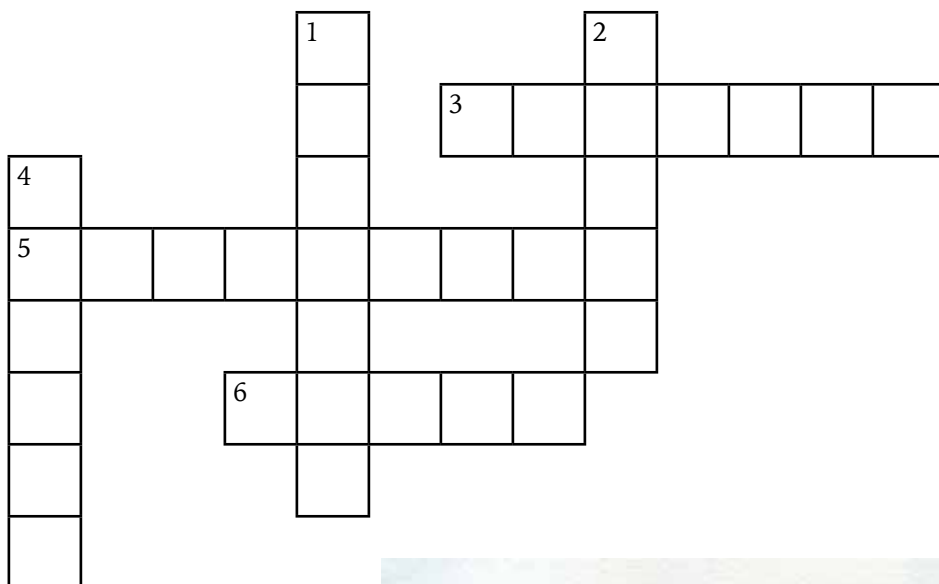
1. "Go _____ to your people and report to them what _____ the _____ has done for _____, and how He _____ on you." (Mark 5:19)
2. "I am the _____, and the _____, and the _____; no one _____ to the _____ but through _____." (John 14:6)
3. "But you will receive _____ when the _____ has come upon you; and you shall be my _____ both in _____, and in all _____ and _____, and even to the remotest part of the _____." (Acts 1:8)
4. "In the same way, I tell you, there is _____ in the presence of the _____ of God over one _____ who _____." (Luke 15:10)
5. In which verse does Jesus tell us the way to come to God and have eternal life? _____

ACTIVITY 2

Important Words

Complete the word puzzle. All the answers are found in today's lesson.

1. A person sent by God to speak His message.
2. God gave a message to the prophet _____ that He would save His people from the Egyptians.
3. A prophet sometimes speaks words of _____ from God.
4. In the synagogue, Jesus read a text written by the prophet _____.
5. Another name for God's Word is _____.
6. The greatest prophet of all is _____.



● Discuss: Why is Jesus called the greatest Prophet?



Catechism

The Second Article of Redemption

... He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; ...

Memory Verse

God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son.

—Hebrews 1:1–2a

Enrichment Verse: Luke 4:18