

words that he had received. Jesus perfectly fulfilled his charge and made know the fullness of God's revelation through his ministry of Word and his sacrificial death for all of Gods' people.

Discussion Questions

- In what ways was Jesus' ministry the fullness of God's revelation? Point out a few passages as they come to mind that describe how Jesus was the culmination of God's plan for salvation. (John 1:17, Ephesians 1:10, Matt 5:17)
- What made Jesus' ministry different than the men of God called in previous times?

Day 5 – Review Q&A and recite memory verse

On day one of the week, we discussed Nicodemus, who understood clearly that Jesus taught the truth which accords with God. Nicodemus said to Christ, *We know that thou art a teacher come from God*, John 3:2. The teaching that comes from God, by its nature, is binding on our conscience. When we hear the words of God, we can't just ignore it. We ignore God's word at our peril. Paul in Romans 10:21 speaks of the spiritual danger of spurning God's word- *But of Israel he says, "All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and contrary people."*Romans 10:21. Israel serves as a warning to the church of the consequences of rejecting the words of Christ. Peter, preaching to the Jews soon after the death of Christ gave this warning: *Every soul that will not hear that Prophet shall be destroyed from among the people.* Acts 3:23. God's providence has put us in a time and place that allows us unprecedented access to God's word. Think about how many bibles are in your home right now! Spend a few minutes in prayer thanking God for His revelation to us, and that He would so graciously make available to us this revelation. If applicable, also spend some time in repentance if you have ignored or neglected God's word. Finally, ask God for faith to believe His word.

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Baptist Catechism

Family Worship Guide



West Oaks Baptist Church

(in preparation for Sunday, March 10th, 2024)

Baptist Catechism Question #27

Q: How doth Christ execute the office of a prophet?

A: *Christ executeth the office of prophet in revealing to us, by his word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.*

Suggested Memory Verse

John 15:15 No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. (ESV)

Day 1 – Review Q&A and recite memory verse

One of the most interesting characters we read about in the Gospels is Nicodemus. What we know about him comes from the Gospel of John. Nicodemus was a “ruler of the Jews,” possibly a member of the Sanhedrin and a Pharisee. He met with Jesus at night, presumably so that he could keep the meeting a secret. Later in the gospel, Nicodemus is defending Jesus to the chief priests and Pharisees, and finally he is with Joseph of Arimathea when Christ’s body is prepared for burial. Nicodemus recognized Jesus’ authority. Speaking of Nicodemus, John 3:2 says *This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God”*. Nicodemus recognized the truth and authority in Jesus’s words, yet he was confused by Jesus’ teaching. Nicodemus famously asked how a man can be “born again.” Admonishing Nicodemus, Jesus says *“Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things?”* In this dialogue between Nicodemus and Jesus, John contrasts the teaching of man and teaching that comes from God. Jesus was not simply another Jewish rabbi, but rather the true prophet come from God to deliver God’s message of salvation. While the Jewish leaders are depicted in the gospels as teaching the traditions of men (Mark 7:8), Jesus is put forth as not another earthly teacher, but as the true Prophet, the one who would “tell us all things.” John 4:25.

Discussion Question

- How do we know that Jesus was more than just a wise, earthly teacher?
- How do the gospel writers describe the difference between how Jesus taught and the teaching of the Jews in Jesus’ day?

Day 2 – Review Q&A and recite memory verse

One of the first things we think of when we hear the word prophet, is someone with the ability to see into the future. When we apply the word “prophet” to Christ, we mean much more than just the ability to foretell events. But it is important to understand that Jesus’ divine nature allowed him to see things that were yet to come. This foretelling of events verified Jesus’s prophetic ministry. God gave his people a simple test to they could know if a prophet was truly speaking on God’s behalf. Deuteronomy 18: 21-22 *And if you say in your heart, ‘How may we know the word that the Lord has not spoken?’— when a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the word does not come to pass or come true, that is a word that the Lord has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously. You need not be afraid of him.”* So when Jesus foretold events and they came to pass, it was a sign for his followers, another confirmation of the truth that God was really speaking through His servant. Jesus foretold many things, all of which took place: he would be betrayed by one of his disciples, he would be abandoned, Peter would deny him three times, that he would suffer at the hands of the Jews, he would die in Jerusalem- by crucifixion- on the Passover, that he would rise from the dead, the Holy Spirit’s coming, the temple and Jerusalem itself would be destroyed, and the persecution and martyrdom of his Apostles

Discussion Questions

- Why is it important that Jesus faithfully foretold things to come?
- Could we trust Jesus as a true Prophet of God if he was incorrect about any of his prophecies? Why or why not?

Day 3 – Review Q&A and recite memory verse

Mark Twain is believed to have said “History doesn’t repeat itself, but it often rhymes.” Mark Twain may not have been a Christian, but his observation is an important one for a true understanding of biblical theology. One of the powerful ways that God communicates is through typology. The book of Hebrews tells us that some things in the Old Testament are types and shadows of the ministry of Christ. Hebrews also tells us that Moses’ ministry is helpful for us to understand who Christ is, and fullness of Christ’s ministry. Hebrews 3:5-6 “Now Moses was faithful in all God’s house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, but Christ is faithful over God’s house as a son.” Moses’s ministry as a spokesman for God prepares us for a clearer understanding about Jesus’s ministry. Before Moses died and the children of Israel entered the promised land, Moses told the people that there would be another prophet that would appear. Deuteronomy 18:15 *The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen.* Moses was speaking of Christ, who would stand in the place of Moses as God’s mouthpiece to his people. Like Moses, God attested to the truth of his Christ’s ministry by accompanying signs and miracles. John 5:36 “For the works that the Father has given me to accomplish, the very works that I am doing, bear witness about me that the Father has sent me.”

Discussion Questions

- In what ways was Jesus’ ministry like that of Moses? How was it different?
- Did Jesus’s teaching contradict what Moses taught? Explain.

Day 4 – Review Q&A and recite memory verse

In the opening section of the book of John, the apostle introduces a man named John the Baptist. John tells us that he was “sent from God.” And yet John the Baptist tells the priests and Levites who came from Jerusalem to find out who he was, denied that he was the Christ, Elijah, or the Prophet. John’s ministry was simply to point to the Word, the true light that was coming into the world. Everyone who heard of John’s ministry was on the edge of their seats, looking for the Messiah. It was Jesus, who was to come and bring to light all that God would reveal for His plan of salvation. 2 Timothy 1:10 says this- *Christ Jesus...brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.* When Jesus was praying to his father just prior to his death, Jesus says *For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me,* John 17:8. Jesus’ commission from his Father was to speak all of that