

“SOMEONE”

John 3:16

INTRODUCTION:

- A. It has been said that the theme of the Bible can be summed up in the word “*SOMEONE*.”
- B. That “SOMEONE” spoken of from Genesis to Revelation is Jesus Christ, Son of God.
- C. This morning I want us to further explore this idea of SOMEONE.

I. “SOMEONE IS COMING.”

- A. There are at least 333 OT prophecies fulfilled in Christ (Coffman’s Comm. on Acts, p.327).
- B. The first of these is found in **Genesis 3:15** – “*And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.*”
- C. Moses said: “*The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear,*” **Deuteronomy 18:15.**
- D. “*Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.*” **Isaiah 7:14**
- E. There are numerous prophecies in **Isaiah 53**:
 - 1. He is *despised and rejected by men, v.3.*
 - 2. Surely He has *borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; v.4.*
 - 3. But He was *wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; v.5.*
 - 4. He was *oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; v.7.*
 - 5. And they made His grave with the *wicked--But with the rich at His death, v.9.*
 - 6. I have *in my files* an article that documents **12 prophecies in Isaiah 53** with the corresponding fulfillment by Jesus in the NT.
- F. “*But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting.*” **Micah 5:2.**

II. “SOMEONE HAS COME.”

- A. This is a time of year when many turn thoughts to the coming of Christ, even if they do not think of it any other time of the year.
 - 1. **NOTE:** we do not have biblical command nor example to celebrate the birth of Christ.
 - 2. He was most likely born in springtime in Palestine, nowhere near December 25.
 - 3. According to ancient legend, there was a two week time of celebration and revelry during this time of year, and the Catholic church chose December 25, in the middle of this time, to begin celebrating the birth of Christ.

4. We should not celebrate this as the birthday of Christ, since we do not have Divine authority for doing so, although it is fine to think of His birth at anytime of year.
- B. Now, let's consider the fulfillment of some of those OT prophecies about Jesus.
 - C. Joseph had a dream in which an angel of the Lord told him to take Mary as his wife, **Matthew 1:20-24.**
 1. They were not yet married and she was pregnant.
 2. "And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins." v.22.
 3. The angel quoted from *Isaiah 7:14* – "*Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,*" which is translated, "*God with us.*" v.23.
 - D. He was born in Bethlehem, as Micah had predicted, **Micah 5:2.**
 - E. He suffered the punishment and death on the cross as Isaiah predicted, **Isaiah 53:3-9.**
 - F. Jesus told the Samaritan woman at the well that He fulfilled those prophecies, **John 4:24-26.**
 1. The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things." v.25.
 2. Jesus said to her, "*I who speak to you am He.*" v.26.
 - G. ANOTHER EXAMPLE: "He (Andrew) first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, "*We have found the Messiah*" (which is translated, the Christ)." **John 1:41.**
 - H. While it is always good to think about His birth in Bethlehem many years ago, it is better to think about his *Death, Burial and Resurrection* EVERY first day of the week when we partake of the Lord's Supper that was instituted or that reason.
 - I. That leads us to the third part of our lesson:

III. "SOMEONE IS COMING AGAIN."

- A. Jesus promised this Himself, **John 14:1-3.** "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also."
- B. The angels on the mount of Olives promised that Jesus would come back, **Acts 1:10-11.**
 - *And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, 11 who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."* NKJV
- C. Paul described this Second Coming of Jesus: "*For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.*" **1 Thessalonians 4:16-17.**
- D. "and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, 8 in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. **2 Thessalonians 1:7-9.**

E. WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN HE COMES AGAIN?

1. The earth will be burned up, *2 Peter 3:10*.
2. The dead in Christ shall rise first, *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*.
3. Those alive will meet the Lord in the air, *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*.
4. All will appear before the judgment seat of Christ, *2 Corinthians 5:10*.

F. As John closed out the book of Revelation, he wrote: “Even so, come, Lord Jesus!”
Revelation 22:20.

CONCLUSION:

A. Aren't you *happy* that Jesus came?

B. WILL YOU BE *HAPPY* WHEN HE COMES AGAIN?