

The Story of Jesus
(Lesson 40)

Introduction:

1. Growing in the knowledge of Christ is an important activity (2 Peter 3:18).
2. Jesus showed in John 5:39 that searching the Scriptures is the key to accomplishing this growth.
3. In this lesson we are studying Scriptures that identify Jesus as a very special Prophet.
4. Let us begin by showing how . . .

Discussion:

- I. MOSES PROPHESED IN DEUTERONOMY 18:15-22 THAT A GREAT PROPHET WOULD COME IN THE FUTURE
 - A. (vs.15-19) This Prophet would:
 1. come from among the Jewish people
 2. be like Moses
 3. speak the words given to Him by God [those who reject His words will be held accountable].
 - B. (vs.20-22) We read about other prophets and how they were to be treated.
- II. JESUS FULFILLED THE PROPHECY GIVEN IN DEUTERONOMY 18:15-19
 - A. (Acts 3:19-26) Peter stated that Jesus is the Prophet whom Moses said would come.
 - B. Let us determine whether Jesus possessed the characteristics that Moses listed.
 1. Jesus came from among the Jewish people -- His genealogies in Matthew 1 and Luke 3 indicate that He was a descendant of Abraham.
 2. There are some similarities between Christ and Moses.
 - a. (Deuteronomy 34:10-12) Moses was recognized a great prophet because of the mighty works he performed.
 - b. The works that Jesus performed led people to recognize Him as the great Prophet of Deuteronomy 18 (John 6:14; 7:40).
 - c. While there are some similarities between Christ and Moses, the Lord is far greater than Moses (Hebrews 3:1-6).
 3. Jesus spoke the words that God gave to Him (John 17:8), and those who reject His words will be held accountable (John 12:48).
 - C. The Scriptures clearly show that Jesus is the great Prophet whom Moses said would come.
 - D. By way of application, let us consider . . .
- III. OUR RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARD THE LORD'S WORDS
 - A. We must appreciate the Lord's words for what they are.
 1. His words are "everlasting" (Matthew 24:35).
 2. His words are "spirit and life" (John 6:63).
 3. His words are "words of eternal life" (John 6:68).
 - B. We must "continue" [abide] in the Lord's words.
 1. We must do this in order to be blessed (James 1:25).
 2. We must do this in order to be made free (John 8:31-32).
 3. We must do this in order to have our prayers answered (John 15:7).
 4. We must do this in order to have the Father and the Son abide with us (John 14:23).

Conclusion:

1. In summary,:
 - a. God raised up this great Prophet, Jesus
 - b. God gave His words to Jesus, and Jesus has revealed them
 - c. we are responsible for following His words.
2. Let us fulfill our responsibilities toward His Word.