

## The Prophecy of Matt 2:23

Matthew 2:19-23

### Introduction:

- A. Daniel prophesied of the year the Messiah would appear (Dan 9:25)
  - 1. The time has e\_\_\_\_\_ (roughly 26 AD)
  - 2. Luke 2:15 states that the people were in a state of e\_\_\_\_\_ and wondered if John the Baptist was the Christ.
- B. Only Jesus fulfilled \_\_\_\_\_ the prophecies
  - 1. Many might qualify in some prophecies - b\_\_\_\_\_ in Bethlehem (Mic 5:2) within a lifetime before 26 AD; descended from D\_\_\_\_\_ (Jer 23:5)
  - 2. Only Jesus fulfilled \_\_\_\_\_ the prophecies (Is 7:14 – the virgin conception and virgin birth narrows the possibilities down to one).
- C. No one would want to pretend to be the Messiah because of the kinds of prophecies that must be fulfilled. These kinds of prophecies are summarized in Matt 2:23 – *He will be called a Nazarene.*

### A Perplexing Prophecy

- A. N\_\_ Old Testament passage contains this phrase
- B. Two popular views
  - 1. Matthew is making a play on the words, Nazarene and Nazarite.
    - a. A Nazarite could not touch w\_\_\_\_\_ or grape juice, could not c\_\_\_\_\_ his hair, and could not go near a d\_\_\_\_\_ person (see Numbers 6)
    - b. Jesus drank from the f\_\_\_\_\_ of the vine (Matt 26:29) and touched a dead person (Matt 9:24,25) which makes this interpretation wrong.
  - 2. Matthew is alluding to Isaiah 11:1 – a b\_\_\_\_\_ from Jesse
    - a. The Hebrew word for branch is *netzer*.
    - b. The origin of the word for Nazarene is u\_\_\_\_\_.
    - c. This is a desperate attempt to make a prophecy “fit.”

### A Summarizing Prophecy

- A. In every other place, Matthew quotes \_\_\_\_\_ prophet (1:22; 2:15,17; 3:3; 4:14)
- B. In 2:23, Matthew is not referring to one prophet but to p\_\_\_\_\_.
  - 1. He is summarizing in a single phrase what prophets prophesied – *He will be called a Nazarene.*
  - 2. Jn 1:46 states the belief that nothing g\_\_\_\_\_ comes from Nazareth.

- a. Jews who settled in Nazareth were considered a lower class Jew because there were many G\_\_\_\_\_ who lived there.
  - b. To be called a Nazarene would be similar to being called a n\_\_\_\_\_.
3. There are three different prophets that refer to the Messiah being seen as despicable.
  - a. M\_\_\_\_\_ in Gen 3:15 – the serpent b\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus on the heel (Jesus had to suffer)
  - b. I\_\_\_\_\_ in Isaiah 52:14; 53:3,5,7,9 – Jesus was despised from the very b\_\_\_\_\_ of His ministry (Lk 4:28-30) and was beaten, whipped, and killed.
  - c. D\_\_\_\_\_ in Daniel 9:26 – the Messiah will be c\_\_\_\_\_ off and have nothing.

### **A Comforting Prophecy**

- A. How it comforts us
  1. No one would w\_\_\_\_\_ to be this kind of Messiah.
  2. Christ's rejection was necessary f\_\_\_\_\_ you and me.
  3. It reveals God's sacrificial l\_\_\_\_\_ for us.
- B. Christ's names
  1. Is 9:6 – Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty G\_\_\_\_\_, Prince of Peace, Eternal Father.
  2. Is 7:4 – Immanuel
  3. Ps 2:7 – S\_\_\_\_\_ of God
  4. Matt 2:23 – N\_\_\_\_\_ (a good-for-nothing)

**Conclusion** – this season reflect on how Jesus had to become a good-for-nothing to the world so that we who trust in Him could become good-for-everything to Him (2 Cor 5:21).