

# Prophetic statements about the Messiah

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One of the greatest challenges Jesus faced in His earthly ministry was to break His disciples of their cultural biases. Even though the Old Testament clearly communicated God's heart for the nations and that the Messiah was also coming to be a light to the nations, most Jews were looking for a national savior that would establish their reign among the nations. The disciples were the first echelon in Jesus' strategy of taking the gospel to all nations. Yet His disciples were extremely nationalistic in their perspective of who the Messiah was and what He came to do. Through His teaching, His ministry to Gentiles, using non-Jews as spiritual object lessons and His mandates, Jesus was intentionally and systematically reshaping their worldview.

**WARNING!** You will be studying verses that you are familiar with. My natural tendency would be to quickly read over the verses I think I know and jot down a few thoughts. Resist the urge and take your time to discover some new insights.

Prophetic statements about the Messiah: What has He come to do and who has He come to service?

- Isaiah 42:5-7
- Isaiah 49:6
- Matthew 4:12-16
- Luke 2:25-32