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Scott Mitchell's *YouTube or Rumble*  
channel: **Bible Made Clear**

# PATHS

Revolutionize Your Ability to  
Share the Gospel by  
following **PATHS!**

## A = ARCHEOLOGY

**OT discoveries (external evidence).**

- City of Jericho
- Hittite discovery



**NT discoveries validating the  
gospels and resurrection.**

- Pilate stone
- Ossuaries
- Crucified victim



## T = TRANSMISSION OF DOCUMENTS (COPIED ACCURATELY)

**OT manuscripts.**

- 30,000 for comparison
- Validated by Dead Sea scrolls



**NT manuscripts.**

- More than any other in antiquity
- Closer to original than any other  
and more accurate

Biblical writers unintentionally  
provide a number of seamless and  
harmonizing eyewitness accounts  
corroborating the prediction,  
anticipation, and proof of the  
Resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is  
clear to see when following PATHS!

## P = PREDICTIVE PROPHECY

**Prophecy regarding Israel fulfilled.**

Anticipating the captivity of Israel for 70  
years in Babylon (Jer. 25:12; 29:10; later  
ref. Dan. 9:2).



**Prophecy of Gentile nations fulfilled.**

4 major world-governing empires (Dan.  
2). Ez. 26 and the judgment of Tyre.

**Prophecy of Messiah's 1<sup>st</sup> Coming.**

NO other figure in human history had the  
**anticipation** of His arrival by predictive  
prophecy, **validation** of His person & work  
by miracles, or **confirmation** that He was  
the one predicted by prophetic fulfillment.

## H = HISTORICITY (TRUE TO HISTORY)

**Internal evidence.**

- Multiple eye-witness accounts
- Embarrassing details
- Excruciating details



## S = SECULAR SOURCES

**External evidence of OT & NT:**

Secular stories of OT events: Gun-Yu  
Chinese and Hindu Flood Legends.  
The Exodus of the Jews.

10 ancient non-Christian  
sources give the same NT  
story line as the writers of  
the NT - outside the NT.



# Evidence For The Savior

## Prophecies of Jesus Christ Fulfilled in His First Coming:

- **Who** – Human (Gen. 3:15; Heb. 2:16)
- **Who** – Abraham's genealogy (Gen. 12:1)
- **Who** – Tribe of Judah (Gen. 49:10)
- **Who** – God from eternity (Micah 5:2)
- **Where** – Born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2; Matt. 2; John. 7:14)
- **How** – Born of a Virgin (Isiah 7:14; Matt. 1:23)
- **Why** – Defeat Satan/death (Gen. 3:15; Heb. 2:14-15; 1 Cor. 15:54)
- **Why** – Savior of the world (Isaiah 11:10; 49:26; John 4:42)
- **When** – 173,880 days after Nehemiah's decree from Artaxerxes to rebuild Jerusalem's wall (Daniel 9:24-26; Neh. 2: *starting point*), Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey fulfilling Zech. 9:9 (Matt. 21: *ending point*).



Only Jesus of Nazareth can hit the bullseye!

**Peter Stoner (Science Speaks, orig. pub 1958, rev. 1976) – from chapter 3**

**Stoner calculated the probability of just 8 Messianic prophecies being fulfilled in the life of Jesus. All estimates were calculated conservatively.**

- Born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2)
- Messenger prepare the way (Malachi 3:1)
- Enter Jerusalem riding a donkey (Zech. 9:9)
- Betrayed by a friend (Zech. 13:6)
- Betrayed for 30 pieces of silver (Zech. 11:12)
- Betrayal money used to buy potter's field (Zech. 11:13)
- He made no defense for himself (Isaiah 53:7)
- Messiah will die having hands and feet pierced (Psalm 22:16)



**Multiplying all these probabilities together produces a number (rounded off) of 1 in  $2.8 \times 10^{28}$ . Dividing this number by an estimate of the number of people who have lived since the time of these prophecies (88 billion) produces a probability of all 8 prophecies being fulfilled accidentally in the life of one person. That probability is 1 in  $10^{18}$  or 1 with 18 zeros after it: 1,000,000,000,000,000,000. Impossible! – But Jesus Christ did it!**