

Could Jesus Be the Prophet that Moses Prophesied Would Come?

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1. **Moses declared that God would raise up a Prophet like him.** - “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). There are differing opinions as to who Moses was referring to. Who was the prophet that is like Moses?

2. **Was Jesus like Moses? Could He be the prophet that Moses was referring to?** - “On the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, ‘If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water... Therefore many from the crowd, when they heard this saying, said, ‘**Truly this is the Prophet;**’” (John 7:37- 40). “Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did (*multiplying the bread and the fish to feed 5,000*), said, “**This is truly the Prophet** who is to come into the world.” (John 6:14).

3. **How could we know for sure? Jesus said to search the scriptures.** - “You search the scriptures (*the Bible*) for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me” (John 5:39). “For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me” (John 5:46). Moses wrote the Torah/Taurat, the first five books of the Bible.

4. **A prophet like Moses? What was Moses like?** - “But since then there has not arisen in Israel a **prophet like Moses**, whom the Lord knew face to face, in all the signs and wonders which the Lord sent him to do in the land of Egypt, before Pharaoh, before all his servants, and in all his land, and by all that mighty power and all the great terror which Moses performed in the sight of all Israel” (Deuteronomy 34:10-12). Deuteronomy is one of the first five books written in the of Old Testament. At the time of its writing no other prophet like Moses had arisen.

a) **Moses had seen God.** - “whom the Lord knew face to face,” (Deuteronomy 34:10).

Had Jesus seen God? - Jesus said, “Not that anyone has seen the Father, except **He who is from God; He has seen the Father**” (John 6:46). “In the beginning was the Word (*Jesus*), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.... And the Word **became flesh (*became a human*) and dwelt among us,** (John 1:1-2,14). **Jesus had come from God, so yes, Jesus had seen God.**

b) **Moses spoke the words of God.** - God had told Moses, “I will raise up for them a Prophet **like you (*Moses*)** from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him” (Deuteronomy 18:18).

Did Jesus speak God’s words? - Jesus said, “Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? **The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority;**...and the **word which you hear is not Mine but the Father’s who sent Me**” (John 14:10, 24).

c) **Moses did signs, wonders, and miracles, which were the works of God.** - “And Moses said: ‘By this you shall know that the Lord has sent me to do all these **works,** for *I have not done them* of my own will’” (Numbers 16:28). (Waters of Red Sea parted - Exodus 14:21)

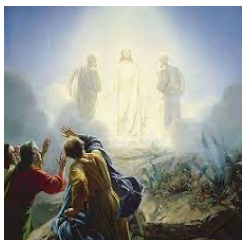
Were Jesus’ sign, wonders, and miracles works of God? - “**I do nothing of Myself;** but as **My Father taught Me**” (John 8:28). “The **works** that I do in My Father’s name, they bear witness of Me... Many **good works** I have shown you **from My Father**” (John 10:25,32). “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by **miracles, wonders, and signs** which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know” (Acts 2:22). (Jesus walked on the water - Matthew 14:25.) Jesus calmed the wind and waves - Luke 8:24)

d) **Moses was humble, meek.** - “Now the man Moses was very **humble,** more than all men who *were* on the face of the earth.” (Numbers 12:3).

Was Jesus humble, meek? - “Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and **humble** in heart, and you will find rest for your souls” (Matthew 11:29 NIV).

e) **Moses’ face shone on the mountain when spending time with God.** - “Now it was so, when Moses came down from Mount Sinai...that Moses did not know that the skin of his **face** shone while he talked with Him (*God*)” (Exodus 34:29).

Jesus’ face shone on a mountain when spending time with God. - “Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; and He was transfigured



before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him... behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, 'This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. **Hear Him!**' " (Matthew 17:1-5).

f) Moses was used by God to deliver the people from the bondage of slavery.

"Then Jethro (*Moses' father-in-law*) rejoiced for all the good which the Lord had done for Israel, whom He had **delivered** out of the hand of the Egyptians" (Exodus 18:9).

Jesus was used by God to deliver people from the slavery of sin and from this evil age. "But God be thanked that *though* you were **slaves of sin**, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine (*about Jesus Christ*) to which **you were delivered** ... For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life **in Christ Jesus our Lord**" (Romans 6:17, 23). "who gave Himself (*Jesus died to atone*) for our **sins**, that **He might deliver us from this present evil age**, according to the will of our God and Father," (Galatians 1:4).

5. God spoke through Moses saying about the coming Prophet, "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).

God spoke from a cloud about Jesus, His Son, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. **Hear Him!**" (Matthew 17:5).

6. Moses was the law-giver. - "Then the Lord said to Moses, "Come up to Me on the mountain and be there; and I will give you tablets of stone, and the **law** and **commandments** which I have written, that you may teach them" (Exodus 24:12).

Jesus Christ is the law-fulfiller. - "Do not think that I came to destroy the **Law** or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to **fulfill**" (Matthew 5:17). **Jesus expounds on the law.** "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.' **But I say to you...**"(Matthew 5:21-22). Read Matthew 5 to see how Jesus explains the meaning of the laws of God.

7. Moses presented two paths and told the people to choose. - "I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the **LORD** your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him" (Deuteronomy 30:19-20).

Did Jesus present two choices? - "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears **My word** and **believes in Him (the Father) who sent Me** has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life...Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His (*the Son of God's*) voice and come forth —those who have done good, to the **resurrection of life**, and those who have done evil, to the **resurrection of condemnation**" (John 5:24-28).

8. Searching the scriptures, helped us compare Moses and Jesus. What do you see? Yes, Jesus is the Prophet because... No, Jesus is not the Prophet because...I am not sure because.... **Here is a suggested prayer:** God of Heaven, the Creator of everything, please show me if what I am learning is true. Should I believe that Jesus Christ was the Prophet that Moses prophesied? If so, how should I respond to this? I trust that You will show me what to do next. I will be obedient to whatever You lead me to do. Thank you. Amen.

9. If you realize that Jesus Christ is the Prophet, then here is a suggested prayer: God of Heaven, I believe that what I have just learned is true. I am ready to hear what Jesus Christ says and then follow His directions. I want to have everlasting life and a relationship with the Prophet, Your Son. I know that I am a sinner and that Jesus died to make atonement for my sins, then rose again. I know that you are calling me and I want to obey You. Please, continue to teach me Your way. I accept Jesus as my Lord and Savior. Name _____ Date _____



Now that you have asked Jesus into your heart, He will start revealing Himself to you. But to steadily improve your relationship with Jesus, spend time with Him. Start talking (praying) to Him. Read His book, the Bible, where He reveals Himself even more clearly. Go to a good church where you feel God's presence, they preach the Bible, and you can fellowship with other believers. We learn much about God from each other.

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