



THAT
Scripture
MIGHT BE
Fulfilled

SUMMARY | Sometimes when we read the Gospels, we are tempted to think of them as merely about our own personal salvation. While that is an important part of the gospel message, the gospel writers never lost sight of how that message fit into the story of Israel. When we read in the Gospels about the events in Jesus' life fulfilling the words of the prophets we are being brought into Israel's story, a story in which God is the true king rescuing His people from exile.

Join *Discover the Word* as we dive deep into the Gospels and unravel these Old Testament threads and see how Jesus' life and ministry fulfills the words of the prophets.

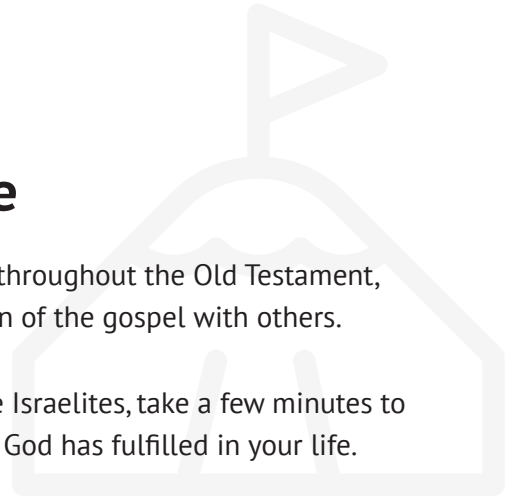
This Week's Discussion Questions

1. In the ancient world, a king like Caesar would be called "Son of God," and the claim that Jesus is the Son of God was a challenge to Caesar's claim to the title. Do we have people or things in our life that want that title as well? How does Jesus' title as Son of God challenge them?
2. [Matthew 1:1-17](#) talks about the genealogy of Jesus. What is so significant about the four women listed in Jesus' genealogy? What encouragement can that give us today?
3. [Isaiah 7:14](#) promises that a child will be born of a virgin hundreds of years before it happened. Is it hard to wait for God to fulfill His promises? How can the story of Jesus encourage us to trust God?
4. What is "lament"? How is it part of the gospel story? Can we find encouragement in lamenting?
5. In [Matthew 28:19](#), Jesus tells his disciples to make disciples. What are some ways you can make disciples of Jesus in your life right now?
6. How does knowing that Jesus is with us even now bring encouragement to you today?

Challenge

Knowing that the Gospels reference prophecies throughout the Old Testament, include Israel's story as part of your discussion of the gospel with others.

Just like God fulfilled His promise to Isaiah and the Israelites, take a few minutes to reflect and write down at least three promises God has fulfilled in your life.



Commit To Memory

"All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet."

[Matthew 1:22 NIV](#)



Prayer

Faithful Father, you promised long ago to Israel to send the Messiah to fulfill your promises made to them, to be their King, and to bring them out of exile. Give me patience to wait on you and faith to trust in your love for me. Amen.

