

## Jesus as Prophet | Mark 1:14-15

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

### The Office of a Prophet

#### a. Messenger of God

- i. And he said, "Hear my words: If there is a prophet among you, I the LORD make myself known to him in a vision; I speak with him in a dream. Not so with my servant Moses. He is faithful in all my house. With him I speak mouth to mouth, clearly, and not in riddles, and he beholds the form of the LORD." (Numbers 12:6-8)

#### b. Handles the word of God correctly

- i. "...when a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the word does not come to pass or come true, that is a word that the Lord has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously. You need not be afraid of him." (Deuteronomy 18:22)
- ii. "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction." (Malachi 4:5-6)
- iii. "Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power." (Hebrews 1:3)

### The Ministry of a Prophet

#### a. Proclamation of God's word

- i. "For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment—what to say and what to speak. And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has told me." (John 12:49-50)

## The Urgency of a Prophet

- a. The time is now
- b. Repentance
  - i. Sorrow
  - ii. Consequential
  - iii. Change
  - iv. Humility
  - v. Reconciled
- c. Belief
  - i. Knowledge
    - 1. "You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder!" (James 2:19)
  - ii. Agreement
  - iii. Surrender
    - 1. "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1)