

Why I Believe in Jesus

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1. Solid Historical Foundation for Faith

**2. Strong Human Testimony to His Deity,
Messiahship**

3. Undeniable, Public Miracles

4. Fulfilled ALL Prophecies of the Messiah

Nature of Prophecies:

- Written 400-1500 years PREVIOUS to Jesus, e.g. **Gen 12:3; Isa 53**
- Cannot cause own fulfillment – e.g. what did to his garments while on the cross (**Jn 19:24**) or to his body after dead (**Mt 27:57-60**)
- Beyond mere human ability to predict (e.g. eclipses)

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Over 300!

Probability

Prob. of ONE man fulfilling EIGHT specific
Messianic prophecies – 1 in 10^{17}

1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000

Prophecy as evidence

- Jesus' challenge – **Jn 5:37-39,45-46**
- Peter – to Jews – **Ac 2:30-33; 3:24-26**
- Paul – **Ac 17:2-3**