

The Power of Preaching Jesus
from
O.T. Messianic Prophecy

Acts 8:26-39

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²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, “Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is desert. ²⁷ So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship, ²⁸ was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet. ²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go near and overtake this chariot.”

³⁰ So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, “Do you understand what you are reading?”

³¹ And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him. ³² The place in the Scripture which he read was this:

*“He was led as a sheep to the slaughter;
And as a lamb before its shearer is silent,
So He opened not His mouth.*

*³³ In His humiliation His justice was taken away,
And who will declare His generation?
For His life is taken from the earth.”*

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Purpose of Messianic Prophecy

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¹⁹ “God *is* not a man, that He should lie,
Nor a son of man, that He should repent.
Has He said, and will He not do?
Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?”

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⁹ Remember the former things of old,
For I *am* God, and *there is* no other;
I am God, and *there is* none like Me,
¹⁰ Declaring the end from the beginning,
And from ancient times *things* that are not *yet* done,
Saying, 'My counsel shall stand,
And I will do all My pleasure,'

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³ “I have declared the former things from the beginning; They went forth from My mouth, and I caused them to hear it. Suddenly I did *them*, and they came to pass.

⁵ Even from the beginning I have declared *it* to you; Before it came to pass I proclaimed *it* to you, Lest you should say, ‘My idol has done them, And my carved image and my molded image Have commanded them.’

Romans 1:1-4

Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called *to be* an apostle, separated to the gospel of God ² which He promised before through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures, ³ concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, ⁴ *and* declared *to be* the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.

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Credentials (noun)

plural : testimonials or certified documents showing that a person is entitled to credit or has a right to exercise official power (WEBSTER)

CREDENTIALS OF JESUS AS THE MESSIAH THROUGH FULFILLED PROPHECY

1. BORN OF THE SEED OF WOMAN

PROPHECY

"And I will put enmity
Between you and the woman
And between your seed and her
seed;
He shall bruise you on the head,
And you shall bruise him on the
heel." Genesis 3:15

FULFILLMENT

"But when the fulness of the
time came, GOD sent forth His
Son, born of a woman, born under the
Law." Galatians 4:4
(Also see Matthew 1:20)

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2. BORN OF A VIRGIN

PROPHECY

"Therefore the LORD Himself will give you a sign:
Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel."
Isaiah 7:14

FULFILLMENT

"...She was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit. And Joseph...kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son; and he called His name Jesus."
Matthew 1:18,24,25 (Also see Luke 1:26-35.)

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3. SON OF GOD

PROPHECY

"I will surely tell of the decree of the LORD: He said to Me, 'Thou are My son, Today I have begotten Thee.' "
Psalms 2:7 (Also see I Chron. 17:11-14; II Sam. 7:12-16.)

FULFILLMENT

"...And behold, a voice out of the heavens, saying, 'This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased.' "
Matthew 3:17 (Also see Matthew 16:16; Mark 9:7; Luke 9:35; 22:70; Acts 13:30-33; John 1:34,49)

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4. SEED OF ABRAHAM

PROPHECY

"And in your descendants [lit., seed] all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."
Genesis 22:18 (See also Gen. 12:2,3)

FULFILLMENT

"The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham."
Matthew 1:1
"Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say, 'And to seeds,' as referring to many, but rather to one, 'And to your seed.' that is, Christ."
Galatians 3:16

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5. SON OF ISAAC

PROPHECY

"But GOD said to Abraham...through Isaac your descendants shall be named [lit., your seed will be called]."
Genesis 21:12

FULFILLMENT

"Jesus...the son of Isaac..."
Luke 3:23,34 (Also see Matthew 1:2.)

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6. SON OF JACOB

PROPHECY

"I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near; A star shall come forth from Jacob, And a scepter shall rise from Israel, And shall crush through the forehead of Moab, And tear down all the sons of Sheth."
Numbers 24:17 (Also see Genesis 35:10-12)

FULFILLMENT

"Jesus...the son of Jacob..."
Luke 3:23,24 (Also see Matt. 1:2 and Luke 1:33.)

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7. TRIBE OF JUDAH

PROPHECY

"The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes, And to him shall be the obedience of the peoples."

Genesis 49:10 (Also see Micah 5:2)

FULFILLMENT

"Jesus...the son of Judah..."

Luke 3:23,33 (Also see Matthew 1:2 and Hebrews 7:14.)

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8. FAMILY LINE OF JESSE

PROPHECY

"Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, And
a branch from his roots will bear fruit."
Isaiah 11:1 (Also see Isa. 11:10.)

FULFILLMENT

"Jesus...the son of
Jesse..."
Luke 3:23,32 (Also see
Matt. 1:5)

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9. HOUSE OF DAVID

PROPHECY

" 'Behold, the days are coming.' declares the LORD, 'When I shall raise up for David a righteous Branch; And He will reign as king and act wisely And do justice and righteousness in the land.' "

Jeremiah 23:5 (Also see II Sam. 7:12-16; Ps. 132:11)

FULFILLMENT

"Jesus...the son of David..."

Luke 2:32,31 (Also see Matt. 1:1; 9:27; 15:22; 20:30,31; 21:9,15; 22:41-46; Mark 9:10; 10:47,48; Luke 18:38,39; Acts 13:22,23; Rev. 22:16.)

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10. BORN AT BETHLEHEM

PROPHECY

“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
Though you are little among the
thousands of Judah,
Yet out of you shall come forth to Me
The One to be Ruler in Israel,
Whose goings forth *are* from of old,
From everlasting.” Micah 5:2

FULFILLMENT

"Now after Jesus was born in
Bethlehem of Judea" Matthew 2:1)

CREDENTIALS OF JESUS AS THE MESSIAH THROUGH FULFILLED PROPHECY

11. PRESENTED WITH GIFTS

PROPHECY

“The multitude of camels shall cover your *land*, The dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; All those from Sheba shall come; They shall bring gold and incense, And they shall proclaim the praises of the LORD.” Isaiah 60:6

FULFILLMENT

"Wise men from the East came to Jerusalem...and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had open their treasures, they presented gifts to Him" Matthew 2:1,11)

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12. HEROD KILLS CHILDREN

PROPHECY

"A voice was heard in Ramah,
Lamentation *and* bitter weeping,
Rachel weeping for her children,
Refusing to be comforted for her
children, Because they *are* no more."
Jer. 31:15

FULFILLMENT

" Then Herod, when he saw that he was
deceived by the wise men, was
exceedingly angry; and he sent forth
and put to death all the male children
who were in Bethlehem and in all its
districts, from two years old and under,
according to the time which he had
determined from the wise men."
Matt. 2:16

PROPHECIES CONCERNING HIS NATURE

PROPHECY

FULFILLMENT

13. **His Pre-Existence** – “from everlasting” – Micah 5:2

"And He is before all things" – Col 1:17

14. **He Shall Be Called Lord** – “The Lord said to my Lord” – Ps 110:1

“who is Christ the Lord” – Luke 2:11

15. **Shall Be Emanuel (God with Us)** – “and shall call His name Emanuel” – Isa 7:14

“and they shall call His name Emanuel” – Matt 22:43-45

16. **Shall Be a Prophet** – “I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among the brethren” – Deut 18:18

“This is Jesus, the Prophet from Nazareth of Galilee” – Matt 21:11

17. **Priest** – “You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek” – Ps. 110:4

“High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus” – Heb. 3:1

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18. **Judge** “For the Lord is our Judge” – Isa. 33:22

“As I hear, I judge” – John 5:30

19. **King** - “Yet I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion.” – Ps. 2:6

“THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS” – Mat 27:37

20. **Special Anointing of Holy Spirit** – “The Spirit of the Lord shall rest on Him” – Isa. 11:2

“and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him” – Matt 3:16-17

21. **His Zeal of God** - “Because zeal for Your house has eaten me up” – Ps. 69:9

“When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple” – John 2:15-16

PROPHECIES CONCERNING HIS MINISTRY

PROPHECY

FULFILLMENT

22. **Preceded by Messenger** – “A voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; Make straight in the desert a highway for our God’” – Isa. 40:3

"John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea" – Matt 3:1-2

23. **Ministry to Begin in Galilee** – “beyond the Jordan, in Galilee of the Gentiles” – Isa. 9:1

“He departed to Galilee... From that time Jesus began to preach”
Matt 4:12,13, 17

24. **Ministry of Miracles** – “Then the eyes of the blind will be opened, and the ears of the deaf will be unstopped.” – Isa. 35:5-6

“...and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.” – Matt 9:35

25. **Teacher of Parables** – “I will open my mouth in a parable” – Ps. 78:2

“All these things Jesus spoke to the multitude in parables; and without a parable He did not speak to them.”
– Matt 13:34

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26. He Was to Enter the Temple –
“And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple.” – Mal. 3:1

“Then Jesus went into the temple of God and drove out those who bought and sold in the temple.” – Matt 21:12

27. He Was to Enter Jerusalem on a Donkey – “riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey” – Zech. 9:9

“And they brought him to Jesus. And they threw their own clothes on the colt, and they set Jesus on him” – Luke 19:35-37

28. Stone of Stumbling for Jews –
“The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.” – Ps. 118:22

“but to those who are disobedient, ‘The stone the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone’” - 1 Pet 2:7

29. Light to Gentiles – “The Gentiles shall come to your light, and Kings to the brightness of your rising.” – Isa. 60:3

“For the Lord has commanded us, I have set you as a light to the Gentiles, that you should be for salvation to the ends of the earth.” – Acts 13:47-48

PROPHECIES CONCERNING EVENTS AFTER HIS BURIAL

PROPHECY

FULFILLMENT

30. **Resurrection** – “For You will not leave my soul in Sheol; nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.”
– Ps. 16:10

"His soul was not left in Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption." – Acts 2:31

31. **Ascension** – “You have ascended on high.” – Ps. 68:18

“He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.” – Acts 1:9

32. **Seated at Right Hand of God** – “Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool.” – Ps 110:1

“When He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.” – Heb. 1:3

PROPHECIES FULFILLED IN ONE DAY

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33. Betrayed by a Friend – “Even my familiar friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted up his heel against me.” – Ps 41:9

“Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him.” – Matt 10:4

34. Sold for Thirty Pieces of Silver – “So they weighed out for my wages thirty pieces of silver.” – Zech. 11:12

“What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to your? And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver.” – Matt 26:15

35. Money to be Thrown in God’s House – “So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them into the house of the Lord for the potter.” – Zech. 11:13

“The he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed.” – Matt 27:5

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36. Price Given for Potter's Field – “So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them into the house of the Lord for the potter.” – Zech. 11:13

“And they consulted together and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in.” – Matt 27:7

37. Forsaken by His Disciples – “Strike the Shepherd, and the sheep will scatter.” – Zech. 13:7

“Then they all forsook Him and fled.” – Mark 14:50

38. Accused by False Witnesses - “Fierce witnesses rise up; they ask me things that I do not know.” – Ps. 35:11

“Now the chief priests, the elders, and all the council sought false testimony against Jesus to put him to death” – Matt 26:59-60

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39. **Silent Before His Accusers** – “He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth.” – Isa. 53:7

“And while he was being accused by the chief priests and elders, He answered nothing.” – Matt 27:12

40. **Wounded and Bruised** – “But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities;” – Isa. 53:5

“Then he released Barabbas to them; and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered Him to be crucified.” – Matt. 27:26

41. **Smitten and Spit Upon** – “I gave My back to those who struck Me, and My cheeks to those who plucked my beard; I did not hide my face from shame and spitting.” – Isa. 50:6

“Then they spat in His face and beat Him; and others struck Him with their palms of their hands.” – Matt. 26:67

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42. **Mocked** - “All who see Me ridicule Me; They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying, ‘He trusted in the Lord; let Him rescue Him; let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!’” – Ps. 22:7-8

“When they had twisted a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand; and they bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him, saying, ‘Hail, King of the Jews!’” – Matt. 27:38

43. **Fell Under the Cross** – “My knees are weak through fasting; and flesh is feeble from lack of fatness.” – Ps. 109:24-25

“Now as they led Him away, they laid hold of a certain man, Simon a Cyrenian, who was coming from the country, and on him they laid the cross that he might bear *it* after Jesus.” – Luke 23:26

44. **Hands and Feet Pierced** – “They pierced My hands and My feet.” – Ps. 22:16

“And when they come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him.” – Luke 23:33

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45. **Crucified with Thieves** – “Because He poured out His soul unto death, and He numbered with the transgressors.” – Isa. 53:12

“Then the two robbers were crucified with Him, on the right and another on the left.” – Matt 27:38

46. **Made Intercession for His Persecutors** – “And He bore the sin of many, and intercession for the transgressors.” – Isa. 53:12

“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.” – Luke 23:34

47. **Rejected by His Own People** - “He is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.” – Isa. 53:3

“For even His brothers did not believe in Him, ‘Have any of the rulers or the Pharisees believe in Him?’” – John 7:5,48

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48. Hated Without a Cause – “Those who hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head.” – Ps. 49:7

“But this happened that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, ‘They hated Me without a cause.’” – John 15:25

49. Friends Stood Afar Off – “My loved ones and my friends stand aloof from my plague, and my relative stand afar off.” – Ps. 38:11

“But all His acquaintances, and the women followed Him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.” – Luke 23:49

50. People Shook Their Heads – “I also have become a reproach to them; When they look at me, they shake their heads.” – Ps 109:23

“And those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads.” – Matt. 27:39

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51. **Stared Upon** – “I can count all My bones. They look and stare at me.” – Ps. 22:17

“And the people stood looking on.” – Luke 23:35

52. **Garments Parted and Lots Cast** – “They divide My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots.” – Ps. 22:18

“Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to each soldier a part, and also the tunic. Now the tunic was without seam, woven from the top in one piece. They said therefore among themselves, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be,” – John 19:23-24

53. **To Suffer Thirst** – “And for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.” – Ps. 69:21

“After this, Jesus...said, ‘I thirst!’” – John 19:28

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54. Gall and Vinegar Offered to Him – “They also gave me gall for my food, and for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.” – Ps. 69:21

“They gave Him sour wine mingled with gall to drink. But when He had tasted it, He would not drink.” – Matt. 27:34

55. His Forsaken Cry – “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?” – Ps. 22:1

“And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, ‘Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani’” that is ‘My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?’ – Matt. 27:46

56. Committed Himself to God – “Into Your hand I commit my spirit.” – Ps. 31:5

“And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, ‘Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit.’ – Luke 23:46

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57. Bones Not Broken – “He guards all his bones; not one of them is broken.” – Ps. 34:20

“But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs.” – John 19:33

58. Heartbroken – “My heart is like wax; it has melted within Me.” – Ps. 22:14

“But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.” – John 19:34

59. His Side Pierced – “They will look on Me whom they pierced.” – Zech. 12:10

“But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear.” – John 19:34

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60. Darkness over the Land – “‘And it shall come to pass in that day’, says the Lord God, ‘That I will make the sun go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in the broad daylight.’” – Amos 8:9

“Now from the sixth hour to the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land.” – Matt 27:45

61. Buried in a Rich Man’s Tomb – “And they made His grave with the wicked—but with the rich in His death.” – Isa. 53:9

“There came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph...and asked for the body of Jesus...When Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his new tomb.” – Matt. 27:57-60

THE OLD TESTAMENT CONTAINS OVER 300 REFERENCES TO THE MESSIAH THAT WERE FULFILLED IN JESUS

Objection

- The prophecies were written at or after the time of Jesus, and therefore fulfill themselves.

Answer

- If you are not satisfied with 450 BC as the historical date for the completion of the Old Testament, then take into consideration the following: The Septuagint, the Greek translation of the Hebrew Scriptures, was initiated in the reign of Ptolemy Philadelphus (285-246 BC). It is rather obvious that if you have a Greek translation initiated in 250 BC, then you had to have the Hebrew text from which it was written. This will suffice to indicate that there was *at least* a 250-year gap between the prophecies being written down and their fulfillment in the person of Christ.

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- Fulfilled prophecies in Jesus were deliberately engineered by Him.

Answer

- The above objection might seem plausible until we realize that many of the prophecies concerning the Messiah were totally beyond the human control of Jesus:
 1. Place of Birth (Micah 5:2)
 2. Manner of Birth (Isa. 7:14)
 3. Betrayal (Ps. 41:9; Zech, 11)
 4. Manner of Death (Ps. 22:16)
 5. Piercing (Ps. 22:16; Zech. 10:12)
 6. Cast Lots for Garment (Ps. 22:18)

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- Fulfilled prophecies in Jesus was coincidence – an accident.

Answer

- Yes, one could possibly find one or two prophecies fulfilled in the lives of other men, but all these sixty-one major prophecies!
- Peter Stoner estimated that the chance that any man might have lived down to the present time and fulfilled all eight prophecies (10, 22, 27, 33, 34, 35, 39 & 45) is 1 in 10^{17} That a number equivalent to laying silver dollars across the entire state of Texas two feet deep.
- Fulfilling 48 prophecies is 1 in 10^{157}

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- Psychics have made predictions like the Bible's.

Answer

- The ultimate test of a true prophet is the number of prophecies that were not fulfilled. How did God's prophets fair against this test?
- A review of the best psychics of our time found them to be 92% wrong. What they got correct could be explained by chance and general knowledge.
- Even Nostradamus' predictions were vague and frequently wrong.

Significance of Fulfilled Messianic Prophecy

- CONCLUDES THAT THERE IS A DIVINE INTELLECT BEHIND THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS
- ESTABLISHES THE FACT OF GOD
- AUTHENTICATES THE DEITY OF JESUS
- DEMONSTRATES THE INSPIRATION OF THE BIBLE

And clearly the Eunuch was convinced of Jesus' divine credentials (Acts 8:34-39)

³⁴ So the eunuch answered Philip and said, "I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?" ³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him. ³⁶ Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "See, *here is* water. What hinders me from being baptized?" ³⁷ Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." ³⁸ So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him. ³⁹ Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing.

“What hinders me from being
baptized?”