

Your odds are one in a trillion, trillion, trillion, trillion, trillion, trillion, trillion, trillion, trillion, trillion, trillion, trillion, trillion, trillion, trillion, trillion, trillion, trillion, trillion (1 in 10^{157}). What am I referring to? Winning the Powerball lottery? Being struck by lightning? The Cubs winning the World Series? Getting a Royal Flush in poker? No. These are the odds of any ONE Person in history, Jesus, fulfilling just 48 ancient Old Testament biblical messianic prophecies.

Today, we continue our series, “The Case for Christ”, based off a book (movie) by Lee Strobel. It’s an investigation of the evidence for Jesus. The past two weeks, we’ve taken a close look at the eyewitness evidence inside the Bible and the historical evidence outside the Bible. We’ve given legs to the claim that Jesus is not a legend, liar, or lunatic. Instead, He is Lord! Today, let’s add more “legs” by Analyzing Jesus.

First, The profile evidence. Specifically, did Jesus fulfill the attributes of God? Did He have the authority of God? A high level view of the New Testament shows us that Jesus did extraordinary things! He was sinless, performed miracles, commanded nature, healed the sick, exorcised demons, and raised the dead. People who witnessed Him were convinced He was either filled with the Spirit of God or the devil!

But, the most astonishing was His claim to be able to forgive sins. In Matthew 9:5-7 (ESV), Jesus says, “Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’? But that you may know that

the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins—he then said to the paralytic—‘Rise, pick up your bed and go home.’ And he rose and went home.” As a result, the crowds were amazed and glorified God!

Second, The fingerprint evidence. Specifically, did Jesus alone match the identity of the Messiah? Jesus once asked, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” In Matthew 16:16 (ESV), Peter replied, “You are the Christ (Messiah), the Son of the living God.” Earlier, I gave you the odds of ONE human being in history fulfilling 48 ancient Old Testament biblical messianic prophecies. Jesus actually fulfilled 300+!

1 person fulfilling 8 prophecies: 1 in 10^{17} . 1 person fulfilling 48 prophecies: 1 in 10^{157} . 1 person fulfilling 300+ prophecies: Only Jesus! This week, let us bow down and worship Jesus as the Christ (Messiah); Son of God and Son of Man; King of Kings and Lord of Lords; Rock and Redeemer; Forgiver of sin and Savior; Word, Way, and Witness; Resurrection and Life; and Last Adam, Alpha and Omega, and Amen!

Let’s pray. Lord, in Acts 4:12 (ESV), Peter says, “There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name (Jesus) under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” Lord, when we analyze Jesus in Scripture, we see the Messiah of Israel and the Savior of the world. When we look at the sketch of God from the Old Testament, we see the likeness of Jesus. Lord, today, help us share Him with all we know!