

Sovereign Grace Church

Christ as Prophet outline

December 4, 2016

HC 31 WLC 43 Zech. 6: 12-13

Christmas is that time of year when we have an opportunity to focus on the Coming of our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. The incarnation, as it is called, is one of the most central teachings of Scripture. The 2nd Person of the Eternal Trinity became a man and lived a perfect life on this earth.

But who was this man? Why did He come and what did He do? Our standards reflect the teaching that Jesus came possessing three Scriptural offices...that of a prophet, a priest and a king. In the Old Testament economy men held these positions but usually only one per person. But with the Coming of Christ these offices were held by the same divine Person. Thus, Jesus is our Prophet, our Priest and our King. We will spend the next three Sundays reflecting on these offices as possessed by our Lord and Redeemer and how we are to be His tools in their manifestation to our own society.

1. What is a prophet? Jn 1:18

- **Relation of God to Creation**
- **How can we know a Transcendent God?**
- **The scandal of the Incarnation**

2. How does Jesus reveal truth from God to us?

- **By His Person Heb. 1: 1-3**
- **By His Word Jn 8: 32, 38**
- **By the Holy Spirit Jn 14:26; II Tim 3:16; Jn. 14: 6**

3. Jesus, as Prophet, enlightens the World. Jn 1: 4-5

- **The World was Dark. Matt 6: 22-23**

- **Men Love Darkness Jn 3: 19**

- **Jesus as Prophet is either Loved or Hated Jn 15: 18-19; 20**

Challenge: As a Christian, we are to be Prophets as we follow Christ.

Matt 5: 14-16; I Pet. 3:15; Lk 14: 33; I Jn 4:4; Matt 16:18; Amos 8: 11-12

Questions for Discussion and Conversation

- 1. Who is your favorite prophet from the Old Testament? How was this man a prophet? How did his character relate to his message? Was he popular with the people? What cost did he pay in being God's messenger?**
- 2. How have you served as Jesus' prophet in your life here on Earth? In what ways have you been His messenger? How has your character helped or harmed your message? How can we be more effective?**
- 3. Who among today's public Christians would you consider a prophet? What makes Him effective in that calling? How did society respond to His message? How did the Church?**
- 4. How can we encourage one another to bear witness to Jesus as prophet? In what particular ways does our modern society need to hear Jesus as prophet? In what particular ways does the Church need to hear Him?**
- 5. How is Christmas an opportunity for us to focus on Christ's work as Prophet? How is Christmas also a liability? How can we change our traditions to make them more serviceable to honoring Christ as Prophet?**