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**Sermon Title: John 4.39 Who is the Lord Jesus Christ The Great Prophet** “Come see a man which told me all things which ever I did.”

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In this account of the Lord interviewing the woman of Samaria at the well we have another view of the supernatural character of our Lord Jesus.

In this incident He declared His omniscience. He possessed infinite knowledge. Nothing about this woman was hidden from Him.

**This woman could hide nothing from Him.** Before she divulged the deep and dark history of her own life the Lord was able to speak to her about the real state of her past and present life. She had five husbands and the man she was now living with was not her husband. The Lord’s knowledge of this woman’s life was remarkable. This also convinced her that the Lord was the Messiah.

When she understood this she went off to tell her neighbours.

**The testimony of this woman was a great witness to the people in the city of Sychar** (v39). They believed on the Lord because of her testimony that the Lord told her all that she ever did.

We want to answer this question, **Who is the Lord Jesus Christ? We are faced with another of His attributes which pertain to God - omniscience.**

So we find that the Lord Jesus is God in the flesh, with all omniscience - that He is all knowing.

**Further examples:**

**He saw Nathanael under the fig tree** - [John 1:47 – 49](#)

**The disciples debating** - [Mark 9:33:35](#)

**The wicked thoughts of the Pharisees** - [Matt 12:24-25](#)

**Knew the plots being set for his death at Calvary** [John 18:4](#)

**His own resurrection** [Mark 9:31](#)

**How do you stand before the Lord with such knowledge?** You must submit to Him.

It is like going through the custom check point at the border. You know that in their computer data base is enough information to condemn you if you should fail to tell the truth about your identity. The information they have at a keystroke can strike fear into the public.

**In these instances the Lord’s demonstration of omniscience brought people to believe on Him.** It humbled them and moved them to receive Him and His teaching. Each of us must submit to the Lord as the great prophet and teacher sent from God.

Nicodemus was a remarkable convert early on in the ministry of the Lord – he confessed that the Lord was a teacher come from God.

**It was a very bold for a Pharisee to work his way through the prejudice** of his school of learning and accept this man from Nazareth as his teacher.

**I would also appeal to you to take the ministry of the Lord to heart** because He is the great teacher sent from God - the Word = LOGOS. **Everything that God has to say to men is through the ministry of His Son.** Heb. 1:1-2 God hath in these last days spoken to us through His Son.

I want you to see the wisdom of submitting to the Ministry of the Lord

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### THE LORD'S PROPHETIC MINISTRY WAS PREDICTIVE

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We have many examples of the Lord predicting events:

[1] **Nathaniel under the fig tree** John 1:51

[2] **Sending Peter to find the tax money in the fish's mouth** Matt. 17:27

[3] **Sending the two disciples to Bethpage to find an ass/donkey, and a colt the foal of an ass.** The Lord hath need of them, See Matt 21:2 – 3.

Think of all that is involved in making this prediction

[4] **The Lord told of the destruction of Jerusalem.** Matt. 24:3-38

[5] **The gospel would be preached into all the world** Matt. 24:14.

**To the Lord the whole future was an open book.**

“An essential element in the equipment in the equipment of a prophet was that he should be able to see things in advance, should possess superhuman knowledge, the ability to see in measure the end from the beginning.” \_ J. Oswald Sanders

This predictive power is something that the Lord emphasized in his ministry. Two times He stated: **“And now I have told you before it come to pass in order that when it is come to pass ye might believe.”** John 13:19 & John 14:29.

So the evidence is in and we are forced to consider the fact that the Lord possessed supernatural powers to predict events in people's lives, in cities, nations and His church.

**He knows the future because he holds the future.** Thus we are called to believe on Him as the greater teacher and prophet – who is God and infinite in wisdom.

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### THE LORD'S PROPHETIC MINISTRY WAS AUTHORITATIVE

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Unlike all other prophets the Lord **did not preface his statements or teachings with a** “Thus saith the Lord.” Nor did He say, “The word of the Lord came unto me saying.”

He stated, **“I say unto you.”**

The word of the Lord did not come to Him. He was Himself the Word.

The use of the word Logos in John ch. 1 shows that He himself is the revelation of the Father. **“No man hath seen God at any time: the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.”** John 1:18.

**All the teaching of the Lord was premised through and through with this divine authority.** That fact was recognized by his hearers at the end of the sermon on the mount. See Matthew 7:29

The Lord did quote Moses and then use Moses words for a contrast to add His own teaching “**But I say unto you.**”

The Lord did not quote Moses in the Sermon on the Mount for to gain authority for His teaching, but to show that He was leading his people further into the truth – further than Moses could go.

**W.B. Riles notes:**

**(a) His speech was without hesitation**

**(b) His utterances were without equivocation** – He never employed language susceptible of different constructions with intent to deceive.

**(c) His affirmations involved finality.** His “**I say unto you**” closed the discussion. There remained no higher authority to whom appeal could be made than to the Prophet *par excellence*. His word was the end of controversy.

**(d) he neither needed nor consulted counselors.**

**(e) His declarations amounted to mandates.**

Just as the Father commanded at the Mt. of Transfiguration, “**Hear ye Him,**” so we must take the ministry of the Lord Jesus to heart and obey Him.

The words of the Lord Jesus have all the authority of God speaking out of heaven. He was given by God to be His representative. If we ignore the teachings of the Lord Jesus we are in rebellion to God.

For this reason men must believe on the Lord and accept Him as the great teacher of eternal truth for their souls. Nicodemus was right to say, “**We know thou art a teacher come from God, for no man can do these miracles that thou doest except God be with him.**”

What will you do with Jesus the Son of God?

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**THE LORD’S PROPHETIC MINISTRY WAS GIVEN CONFIRMATION**

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**We have noted that the events which he predicted were fulfilled.** A true prophet is known by the accuracy and fulfillment of His teaching.

The events he predicted were easily confirmed both in His lifetime and after His resurrection to convince the N.T. apostles and church. After His resurrection the disciples knew what the Lord meant by saying, “I will rise again the third day”

**Nicodemus was convinced that God was with Him because of the many miracles that the Lord had performed. John 3:2.**

**The feeding of the 5000 confirmed that the Lord was the living bread.**

**Raising Lazarus from the dead** confirmed that the Lord was the resurrection and the life.

**Healing the sick in their thousands** was a confirmation that the Lord possessed all the power of God to heal – as a Saviour of men’s bodies and souls.

There was no sin in Him and no sickness in Him.

“Sickness is contagious with us. But Christ was an example of perfect health and his health was contagious. By its overflow he healed others. Only a touch was necessary.” \_ J. Oswald Sanders

Against those miracles the Pharisees and Scribes could not say a word. They tried to kill Lazarus and the blind boy who was made to see. They cast him out of the synagogue

But they couldn’t stop the Son of God from preaching and teaching the gospel to sinners. Many believed on Him because of the miracles.

**For all of these reasons you are called upon to believe on the Lord.** To remain an unbeliever in the Lord Jesus is to close your eyes to the clear evidence of His saving power and shut your ears to His invitation to be saved.

It is to reject the call of the Saviour.

You are called today to believe on Him. Receive Him as your Saviour and be assured that His teaching is God’s final word to you.

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### **THE LORD’S PROPHETIC MINISTRY IS CONTINUED IN HIS CHURCH**

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Before the Lord ascended to Heaven, after His resurrection, He prepared His apostles for the great ministerial work of preaching and teaching the gospel.

**The Lord gave them a special promise to establish the N.T. ministry** [John 16:12 – 14](#).

The promise of the Holy Spirit’s ministry through the apostles and the N.T. Church guaranteed that this ministry of Christ would be perpetuated.

Ministers of the gospel who faithfully preach the gospel of Christ have all of the Lord’s authority. They are His ambassadors and are to beseech men in Christ’s Name.

[2Co 5:18](#) And all things *are* of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

[2Co 5:19](#) To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

[2Co 5:20](#) Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech *you* by us: we pray *you* in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

The statement that the gospel would be preached in all the world, was backed up with the promise of the power of the Holy Spirit.

#### **Conclusion:**

So, here today as we have this Bible in our hand, a Bible that is God breathed by divine inspiration, and you are given the gospel message with a gospel call to believe on the Son of God.

This call comes to you just as if the Lord Himself was speaking directly to you. You cannot run from this prophetic ministry of the Lord - By his word and Spirit He searches your heart as he did with Nathanael

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and with His disciples. He knows you every thought and motive. You can no more hide from Him than this woman at the well.

You too can run off and tell the news **“Come see a man that told me all things that ever I did.”**

There are many around us who need to hear that personal call from the Saviour to believe on Him. Let us fulfil our Lord’s great commission to go and preach the gospel to every creature.