

Jesus is Fulfillment

Main Idea: *In a world of hollowness, Jesus is Fulfillment*

- Have you ever had expectations left unfulfilled?

“Fulfillment” Definition

- Oxford Dictionary: *Achievement of something desired, promised or predicted: Expected*
- To be Filled Full of expectations

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Colossians 2:8-10 NIV

“See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ. For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority.”

- Hollow Vs Fullness

Fulfillment: Christ is the Fullness of Deity

- **Matthew 5:17 NIV** *“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.”*
 - a. Law taught us the sinfulness of sin
 - b. Law gave us a framework for living
 - c. The Law could never save us...Jesus could
- **Mark 10:45 NIV** *“For even the Son of Man did not **come** to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”*
 - a. Prophets foretold through the power of God - Jesus wasn't a mistaken pathway.

Hosea 13:14 NASB1995 <i>“Shall I ransom them from the power of Sheol? Shall I redeem them from death? O Death, where are your thorns? O Sheol, where is your sting?”</i>	Mark 10:45 NIV <i>“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Prophecy Q: Anyone could have said that?!)</i>
Micah 5:2 NLT <i>“O Bethlehem Ephrathah, are only a small village among all the people of Judah. Yet a ruler of Israel, whose origins are in the distant past, will come from you...”</i>	Matthew 2:1 NLT <i>“Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. ...”</i>
Numbers 24:17 <i>“A star will come out of Jacob; a scepter will rise out of Israel.”</i>	Matthew 2:2 <i>“Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him”</i>
Isaiah 11:1 NLT <i>“Out of the stump of David’s family will grow a shoot— yes, a new Branch bearing fruit from the old root.”</i>	Matthew 1, Luke 3 <i>Describe lineage from Abraham to David to Jesus</i>
Psalms 22:16-18 NLT <i>“My enemies surround me like a pack of dogs; an evil gang closes in on me. They have pierced my hands and feet. I can count all my bones. My enemies stare at me and gloat. They divide my garments among themselves and throw dice for my clothing.”</i>	Matthew 27:35 NLT <i>“After they had nailed him to the cross, the soldiers gambled for his clothes by throwing dice.”</i>

*Peter W. Stoner and Robert C. Newman surmise in “Science Speaks” that if just 8 of the 300+ prophecies were fulfilled by a single person, the odds would be 1 in 100, 000, 000, 000, 000 (1x17 Power)

Fulfillment: In Christ We are Brought to Fullness

- **John 10:10 NIV** - *"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have **come** that they may have life, and have it to the full."*
 - While God had a purpose in coming, there is a thief who is at work.
 - Jesus' desire for us is "full life"

How Do We Respond?

Colossians 2:6-10 NIV

"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ. For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority."

1. Receive Jesus as Lord
2. Continue to live your lives in him: rooted, built up, strengthened, overflowing with thanksgiving
3. Look for the hollow and deceptive (human traditions) that distract
4. Live in confident hope because "He is head over every power and authority"

Revelation 21:5 NIV *"He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.""*



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