

How do we know
that Jesus is the
Messiah?

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How do we know the Bible is not just a fable?

2 Peter 1:16-21

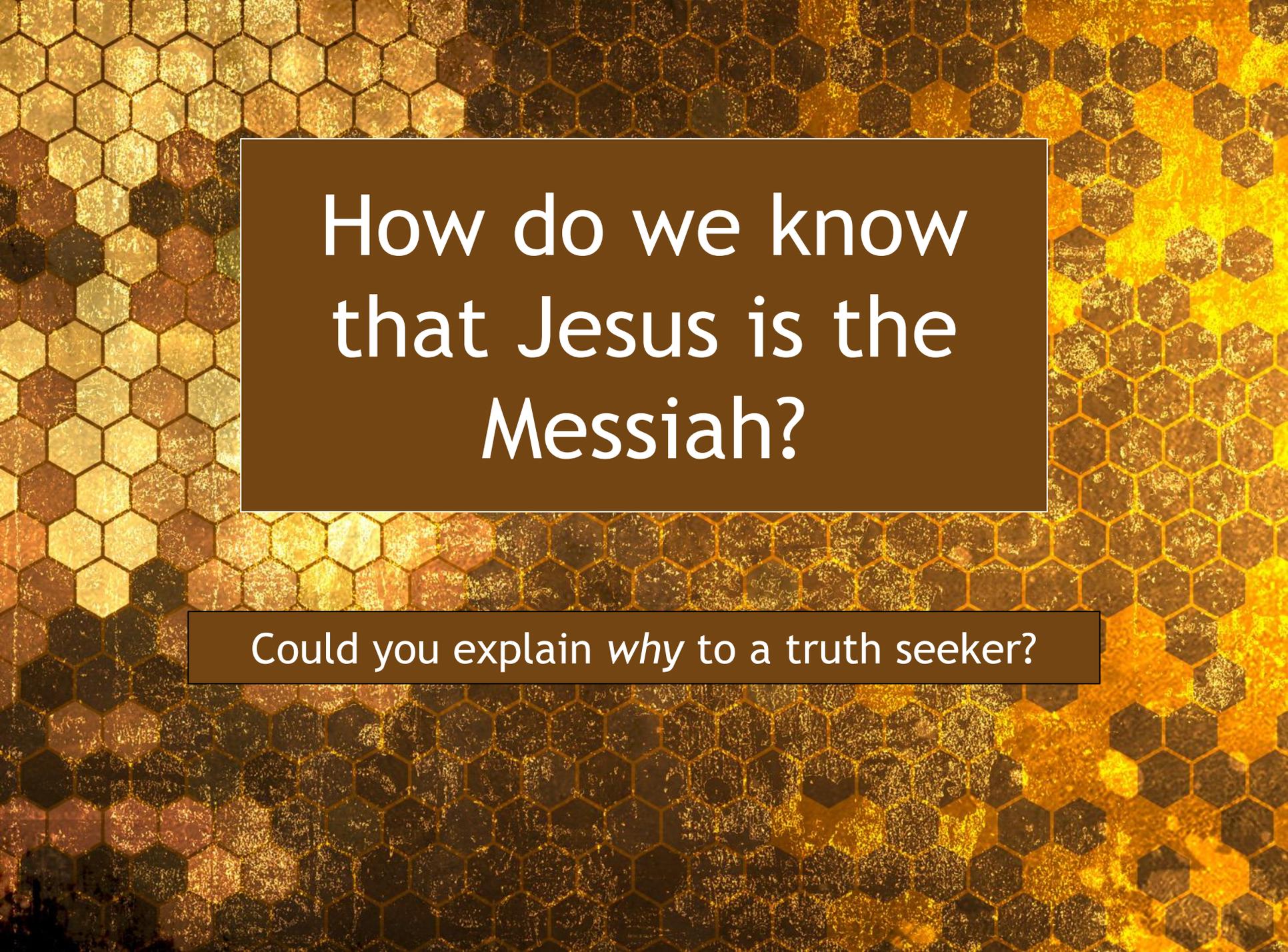
- Eyewitness testimony (vs 16-18)
- Fulfilled Prophecy (vs 19-20).

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What incredible claim does God make?

Isaiah 44:6-8, 46:9-10, 48:5-6

- I will tell you the end from the beginning; I will tell you what will happen before it happens, and then when those things come to pass, that will be proof to you that I alone am God.



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Could you explain *why* to a truth seeker?

Jesus Himself
claimed to be the
Messiah

JOHN 4:25-26

“I who speak to you am he.”

Why so important?

THESIS:

1. Is it a prerequisite to be a Christian?
2. What does it mean to confess Jesus as the Christ?
3. How would I go proving Jesus is the Christ?
4. What are the odds of this being a coincidence?

Is it a prerequisite to be a Christian?

YES!

1. Acts 8:36-39 “I believe Jesus is the Christ the son of God.”
2. Acts 2:36 - “God hath made Him both Lord and Christ.”
3. Matt 16:16 - “Thou are the Christ the son of the Living God.”
4. John 20:30-31 - “Believing.. have life.”

What does it mean to confess Jesus as the Christ?

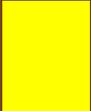
1. *Christ* (Gk)= title - “anointed one”
2. *Messiah* (Heb)= title - “anointed one”

Three classes of people were anointed:

Prophets, Priests, Kings!

“Fulfillment of the OT Promises”

Luke 24:44-48



How Should I Go About Proving It?

How did NT writers prove it?

Matthew: Gospel of *Fulfillment*

What are the credentials?

Tribe of Judah - Gen 49:10

Be a descendant of David - 2 Sam 7:12-16

Born in Bethlehem - Micah 5:1

Present himself on a donkey - Zeh 9:9

Tortured to death - Ps 22:1-31

Silent at his arrest/trial, buried in a rich man's tomb, resurrection - Isa 52, Ps 110

Acquainted with sorrow and grief - Isa 53

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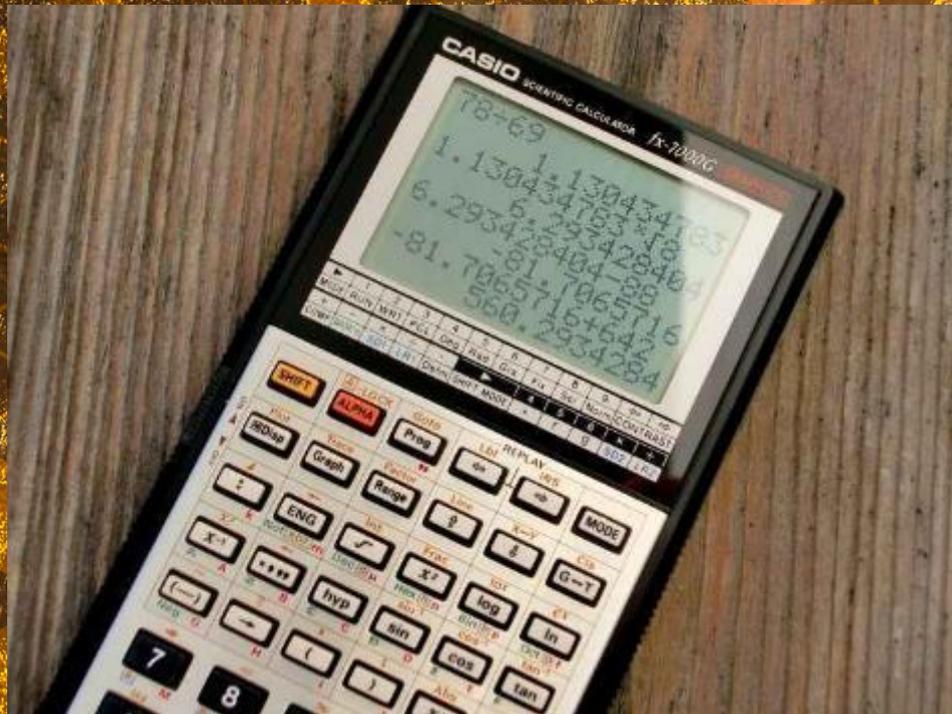
Acts 2 :27-31 - Ps 16:8ff

Acts 2:33-34 - Ps 110:1

Acts 3:19-25/Acts 7:37- Deut 18:15

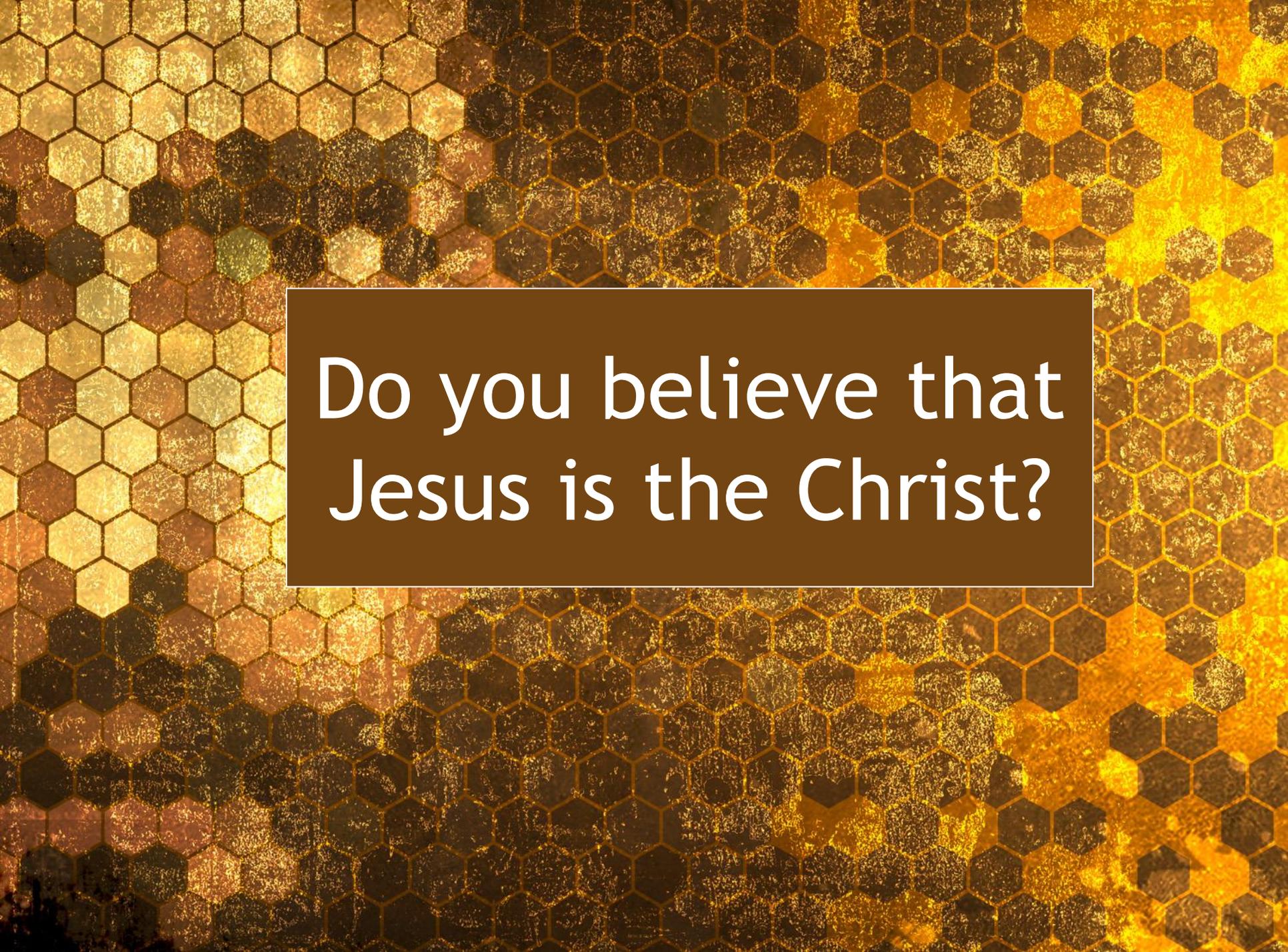
Acts 8:28-35 - Isa 53:7ff

What are the odds?



8 prophecies = 1 in $10^{17\text{th}}$

48 prophecies = 1 in $10^{157\text{th}}$



Do you believe that
Jesus is the Christ?

