

I. In the past God spoke through his prophets

A. Their message was true

“For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.” (2 Peter 1:21)

B. Their message was partial

C. Their message was progressive

D. Their message pointed to Jesus

“And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in the Scriptures concerning himself.” (Luke 24:27)

II. In the last days God speaks through his Son

A. The message of Jesus the living truth

“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (John 14:6)

B. The message of Jesus is complete

C. The message of Jesus is final

III. The message is Jesus

A. He is the rightful owner of all things

B. He is the creator of the universe

“All things were created by Him and for Him.” (Colossians 1:16)

C. He is the clearest reflection of the glory of God

“The Word became flesh and lived for a while among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.” (John 1:14)

D. He is the perfect expression of God’s character

“No one has ever seen God, but God the only God, who is at the Father’s side, has made him known.” (John 1:18)

“He is the image of the invisible God.” (Colossians 1:15)

E. He is the one who sustains all of creation

“He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.” (Colossians 1:17)

F. He is the redeemer who purchased our forgiveness

“This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.” (Matthew 26:28)

G. He is the exalted King of Kings

“Therefore, God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name. That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” (Philippians 2:9-11)

“In a loud voice they sang; ‘Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!’ (Revelation 5:12)