

AM Sermon Notes

Text: *Romans 1:2-4*

Title: *Jesus: The Reason We Believe!*

Central Truth: Through the prophetic Scriptures and a powerful resurrection Jesus demonstrated He is God.

I. vv. 2-3: Jesus: The Promised One

v. 2: Paul wants us to understand that the Gospel with it's focus on Jesus is not something new or an invention from him. It is something that God Himself promised long ago through His prophets. The Old Testament Canon of 39 books was completed several hundred years before Jesus came to the earth.

Prophecy is one of the greatest evidences that the Bible is a divine, supernatural book from God!

v. 3: Jesus is God's divine, eternal Son Who has always existed!

KJV - **was made**, NASB - **was born** - This word means to become, to take place, to be born. It indicates a transition from one mode of existence to another (*c.f. John 1:14a*). Through the virgin birth Jesus added something new - human flesh! However, He never stopped being God! Davidic descent qualified Jesus to be the Jewish Messiah. He fulfilled some 60 major Messianic prophecies.

c.f. Josh McDowell, More Than a Carpenter

Les Strobel, The Case For Christ

Norman Geisler, I Don't Have Enough Faith to be an Atheist

II. v. 4: Jesus: The Powerful One

The greatest and most irrefutable evidence of Jesus' deity is His resurrection. The resurrection did not make Him God-it demonstrated what He already was!

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