

TALK IT OVER

The Promised Prophet

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus, our Prophet, speaks truth so we can know Him, follow Him, and experience true freedom.

CONVERSATION STARTER

Which part of the normal holiday is your least favorite? Which event or tradition do you anticipate the most?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily: newpointe.org/thedaily
- [The Word Became Flesh:](#) John 1:14

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

Long ago God spoke ... And now he has spoken to us through his Son.
Hebrews 1:1-2 NLT

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. Luke 2:25 NIV

I am the way and the truth and the life. John 14:6 NIV

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling 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 NIV

I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. John 8:12 NIV

The thief comes only in order to steal, kill, and destroy. I have come in order that you might have life – life in all its fullness. John 10:10 GNT

For with my own eyes I have seen your salvation which you have made ready for all people – a light to show truth. Luke 2:30-32 PH

“Jesus doesn’t just show the way. He IS the way.”

“Prophets said, ‘Thus says the Lord.’ Jesus said, ‘I say to you ...’”

– Quotes by Dwight Mason

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Long ago, God spoke through the prophets in many ways. What are some of the ways you remember that God spoke to people before Jesus? What were some of the characteristics of that communication? Now God has spoken through His Son. Jesus doesn’t just speak the message; He IS the message. Explain and discuss. Think about His life and ministry as recorded in the gospels. How do you personally apply what you read there to your life, since His message is that we are to live and love like Him? **Jesus reveals God personally.** He is the perfect image of God. How does Jesus “explain and personalize” God to you? What do you know about God because of Jesus? **Jesus illuminates reality fully.** Our world is a confusing place with lies and falsehoods rampant. How does Jesus show you what is real? **Jesus speaks with divine authority.** When He is the ultimate authority (He said ALL authority has been given to Him in heaven and on earth), why do you think it is so easy to casually disregard what He has said? **He declares the abundant life.** How have you found this abundance and fullness of life in Christ? Who needs to hear your witness this Christmas?

ACTION STEP

This Christmas season I will make a concerted effort to pursue a new and deeper understanding of the salvation made available for all people (Luke 2:30-32). I will show my gratitude by _____ and will share the good news of Christmas to this person who needs the love of Jesus by _____