

Daybreak Gathering 12/21/23

[Christmas Reminds Us of the Integrity of Scripture](#), by Jonathan Brentner

Jonathan Brentner:

“This Christmas, I am particularly mindful of the integrity of God’s Word because in the story of our Savior’s birth we see the beginning of many of the prophecies Jesus fulfilled during His stay on earth.

My conviction regarding the inspiration and inerrancy of Scripture rests on these four truths, which include fulfilled prophecy:”

Jesus’ resurrection from the dead

- 1) Following His resurrection, Jesus appeared to many people over a 40-day period. Name some of the people. What are a few verses that record these encounters?
- 2) Why is it significant that these appearances are recorded in God’s Word?

The incredible fulfillment of prophecy

- 1) How does the supernatural fulfillment of prophecy confirm the integrity of God’s Word and its message to us?
- 2) How can fulfilled prophecy help to convince an unbeliever that God is real?

The inner witness of the Holy Spirit

- 1) When reading the Bible, have you always had an inner conviction that Scripture is true, or were you later convinced by the cohesiveness of Scripture or some other means?
- 2) Have you ever considered that your inner conviction is the work of the Holy Spirit? How does John 16:13 speak to this?

The amazing cohesiveness and unity of Scripture

Brentner: “From Genesis through to the end of Revelation, the consistent message points to Jesus as our Redeemer and King.”

- 1) How do Genesis 3:15 and Revelation 19:11-16 point to Jesus as both our Redeemer and King?
- 2) What is one of your favorite Old Testament passages that points to Jesus?

Red coin in Texas

- 1) What did you think of the red coin in Texas story?
- 2) In all, Jesus fulfilled forty-eight specific Old Testament prophecies. How does this strengthen your faith?

Our hope in Jesus

- 1) How does Christmas remind you that God keeps all His promises?
- 2) How does past fulfilled prophecy help us rest our hopes and dreams in His future promises?

“In the same way, our hope in the rapture, our glorious immortal bodies, and our reign with Jesus in His kingdom are just as sure as the sunset today or the sunrise tomorrow. *Those in Christ will experience this glorious future.*” – Johnathan Brentner