

**Theme:** Jesus Christ, the True Prophet, reveals the Word of God perfectly in His message and in His person. We have the very Word of God to guide and guard us.

**Introduction:** Looking at Christ: our Prophet, Priest and King through December.

He *Reveals* the Will of God.

He stands before God as the *Redeemer*.

He *Rules* over us and all creation bringing all things under God's sovereign rule.

## I. The Prophets of God – An Old Testament Picture

A. A Divine calling -

1. Set apart for special service to the Lord

- Moses - Exodus 7:1; Deuteronomy 18:15-18

- Isaiah - Isaiah 6:8, 9

- Jeremiah - Jeremiah 1:4-5, 9

- Many others including John the Baptist (and the Apostle Paul – Acts 9:15)

B. A Divine duty –

1. *Hearing/receiving* the Word

- God speaks *to* them. Numbers 12:6-8; Exodus 33:11; Jeremiah 1:4;

Ezekiel 3:17

2. Communicating God's Word to the people

a. Awesome task/duty – Deuteronomy 18:22

b. Words of Blessing and Judgment – Deuteronomy 28

c. Words of Promise – Jeremiah 36?

d. Words of life and death.

## II. Jesus Christ, the Eternal Prophet of God

A. Jesus was *FORETOLD* as the Prophet.

1. Old Testament Picture - Deuteronomy 18:15-18/Acts 3:22-24

- One like Moses

- “From your brothers”.

- One *greater* than Moses?

- God’s Word is in His mouth.

2. Jesus is recognized as the one to come - Acts 7:37ff; John 6:14, 7:40

B. Jesus has a divine *CALLING!*

- Sent from the Father - John 8:16; John 7:28

C. Jesus’ divine *MESSAGE* is from the Father.

- He speaks the Word of God. John 8:26; 15:15; 17:6-8

- He speaks the *Truth*

- He speaks with Authority. Matthew 7:28,29; Luke 4:32

D. He is *IDENTIFIED* as the Word. John 1:1,14; Colossians 1:15; Hebrews 1:3

## III. Christ Our Great Prophet

A. He reveals God to us. John 15:15; 17:6

B. He reveals what is necessary for faith and life.

1. Believe and live - John 6:40

2. Reject it and die - John 3:34-36; John 12:44-50 !!

C. His teaching is *PERFECT*.

D. He is the *perfect Prophet* of God