



# MESSAGE NOTES

## The Historical Jesus

Psalm 107:1-9 John 10:22-33 **James Brown**

### Jesus as man

Jesus was a real person, an actual human being who was born and lived two thousand years ago in Israel. No historian disputes this and even Jesus' enemies recognized Him as being unique among any man who has ever lived. One of the main things that makes Him unique is that He is the only person who has ever been able to perfectly and completely fulfil all of the Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah. There's over 300 of these prophecies in the Old Testament written up to 1000 years before Jesus was born and He fulfilled them all.

### Jesus as God

The reason why Jesus was able to fulfil all of these prophecies is because He wrote them! Because Jesus is God and God is Jesus. Jesus repeatedly declared Himself to be God in the most clear, public and emphatic way possible:

***"Very truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!" John 8:58***

Some people claim that Jesus was just a good teacher, a prophet or a messenger from God. But a good teacher would never call themselves God or make themselves equal to God unless it was true!

### Jesus as saviour

Christianity is the only religion in the world that offers a saviour. There are really only two fundamental beliefs, those who believe they can save themselves and those who believe they need a saviour.

***All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. Romans 3:23-24.***

There is only one saviour for mankind in the history of the world, there has only ever been one and will only ever be one, Jesus Christ. Everyone who believes it - without exception - finds out it's true. Right now all around the world there are millions of people who can testify. Their lives were in ruins, they had no hope, no reason for living but they came to Jesus and He made it all new, He made it all good and He totally transformed their lives.