

2. Development of the Doctrine

a. Christ's office as prophet

(1) Scriptures relevant to this office

Deut. 18:15, 18 -- "The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your countrymen, you shall listen to him . . . I will raise up a prophet from among their countrymen like you, and I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him."

(cp. Acts 3:22 [in which Peter applies this prediction to Christ] -- "Moses said, 'The Lord God shall raise up for you a prophet like me from your brethren; to him you shall give heed in everything he says to you.'")

Isa. 61:1-2a -- "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, Because the Lord has anointed me -- To bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to captives, And freedom to prisoners; To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord, . . ."

(cp. Luke 4:18-21 -- "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, Because He anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives, And recovery of sight to the blind, To set free those who are downtrodden, To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord.' And He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed upon Him. And He began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'")

Mal. 3:1 -- "Behold, I am going to send my messenger, and he will clear the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts."

Matt. 13:57 -- "And they took offense at Him. But Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is not without honor except in his home town, and in his own household.' "

Luke 13:32-33 -- "And He (Jesus) said to them, 'Go and tell that fox [Herod], Behold I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I reach my goal. Nevertheless I must journey on today and tomorrow and the next day; for it cannot be that a prophet should perish outside of Jerusalem.' "

Luke 24:18-19 -- "And one of them, named Cleopas, answered and said to Him [the risen Christ], 'Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem and unaware of the things which have happened here in these days?' And He said to them, 'What things?' And they said to Him, 'The things about Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word in the sight of God and all the people.' "

John 8:25-26 -- "And so they were saying to Him, 'Who are you?' Jesus said to them, 'What have I been saying to you from the