



new life fellowship

**Sermon Title: Jesus: The True Prophet**  
**Speaker: Richard Villodas, Lead Pastor**  
**Scripture: Deuteronomy 34:10-12**

<sup>10</sup> Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, <sup>11</sup> who did all those signs and wonders the LORD sent him to do in Egypt—to Pharaoh and to all his officials and to his whole land. <sup>12</sup> For no one has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel. (NIV)

### **Sermon Outline:**

Jesus Christ comes and shows us what it means to be prophet, priest, and king. To understand Jesus as the True Prophet we need to look at the Old Testament and what the prophets did, so that we can compare and contrast them to Jesus.

We are all deeply hungry for a word from God and all hungry for the word of God. There are people who go all over world looking for words of wisdom and encouragement from places outside of themselves. The words that we ultimately long for are found in the one True Prophet of Jesus Christ. We are called to listen to the words that Jesus speaks into our soul.

To understand what it means that Jesus is the one True Prophet, we need to compare and contrast God to Moses.

#### **A prophet speaks to God and for God.**

- Moses had an intimate relationship with God and knew him deeply, speaking to him face to face.
- Moses spoke for God, but Jesus spoke as God.

#### **A prophet confronts the powers of evil.**

- Moses confronted Pharaoh and his oppressive ways of ruling.
- Moses spoke the truth to those who were in power of evil, but Jesus Christ conquered the powers of evil.

#### **A prophet reveals the character of God.**

- Moses showed the people of God what the character of God was like.
- In Jesus Christ is the fullness of God, he is exact representation of God.

All of this has significance for our everyday lives. If you want to know what God has to say to you, listen to Jesus and the words he says over you. Your purpose and identity are found in the very words of Jesus Christ.

As the one True Prophet, we can trust in the words of Jesus that evil has an expiration date. The powers of sin and death no longer have the last word because Jesus has conquered the grave.

If you want to know what God is like and what he has to say about you and over you, then you only need to look to Jesus Christ. We are called to be a prophetic presence in our family, at our workplace, with our friends, and in the world.

What does it mean for us to live this out individually and as a community?

1. Live in Truth and Speak the Truth.
2. Strengthen others with our words.
3. Show the world what the future will look like.

The function of the prophet is not to destroy. The function of the prophet is to expose whatever cancers fester beneath the surface so that what is loved can be saved while there is yet time.

-Joan Chittister

The invitation and the task for us is to listen to Jesus and his words. Jesus Christ is the word of God and is calling you to him.

**Sermon Summary:**

This Sunday, Richard Villodas, Lead Pastor, starts a new 3-week series entitled, *Jesus: Prophet, Priest and King*. Pastor Rich explores Jesus as the True Prophet and the significance of this for our worship and the way God calls us to live in the world.

**Sermon Questions:**

1. How does this scripture connect for you the topic that was discussed today? What words resonate with you? Why?
2. In looking back at your family of origin did you grow up in a home where words of encouragement and comfort were spoken over you? Or did you grow up in a home where there was a lot of criticism spoken about you and over you? How did you experience growing up from who you are today? Are you someone who is able to speak words of encouragement over others, or are you one who speaks words of criticism over others? Can you find time this week to begin speaking words of strength, hope and encouragement towards those around you – whether in your home, with your friends or in your workplace?
3. In order for us to be a prophetic presence to those around us, we must do this from a place of humility. Looking at our own problems first and addressing them before speaking into the lives of others. Think about what this means in your life right now and what this looks like for you? Find time this week to sit in silence and offer your heart and thoughts up to God, asking for guidance and wisdom.
4. The invitation and the task for us is to listen to Jesus and his words. Are you carrying words that someone spoke over you that still sit in your soul today? If so, how do you feel when you hear that your life should be marked to listening to God's words? What are the words that you have let define you? Listen to Jesus because his words can overpower every single negative word that has been spoke over you and gives you a new identity in his name. Jesus Christ is the word of God and is calling you to him.