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**THE CRUCIFIED PROPHET**

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During the second century A.D., in one of his ancient works, a Greek writer by the name of Lucian makes reference to Jesus. And although Lucian was a man who opposed Christ, and that is evident in his writing, he does acknowledge that Jesus was crucified, that Christians worship Him as God, that they do so based on faith alone, and believe that they have eternal life through Him.

Lucian writes: "As you are aware, the Christians worship the man to this very day - He being well known for establishing their unusual form of worship, and for that reason he was crucified . . . . You see, these men begin with the notion that they will be immortal for all eternity, which explains why they do not fear death and is why they give themselves over to his worship; and it was also taught by this lawgiver that they are all brothers, from the very second that they begin to follow him, and they turn their backs on the gods in Greece, and worship this crucified prophet, and live according to his commands. They believe all this purely by faith alone. As a result, worldly goods mean nothing to them and they treat it as property to be used among themselves for the common good."

***MOSES FIRST WROTE CONCERNING  
THIS PROPHET:***

"And the LORD said to me: 'What they have spoken is good. 'I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him. 'And it shall be that whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My name, I will require it of him.'"

Deuteronomy 18:17-19

***THE GREATEST WORDS  
SPOKEN BY THIS PROPHET:***

On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Therefore many from the crowd, when they heard this saying, said, "Truly this is the Prophet."

John 7:37-40

***THE GREATEST PROPHECY GIVEN  
ABOUT THIS CRUCIFIED PROPHET:***

My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?  
.... All those who see Me ridicule Me; They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying, "He trusted in the LORD, let Him rescue Him; Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!" .... I am poured out like water, And all My bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax; It has melted within Me. My strength is dried up like a potsherd, And My tongue clings to My jaws; You have brought Me to the dust of death. For dogs have surrounded Me; The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. They pierced My hands and My feet;



"I can count all My bones. They look and stare at Me. They divide My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots. .... I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will praise You. You who fear the LORD, praise Him! All you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him, And fear Him, all you offspring of Israel! For He has not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; Nor has He hidden His face from Him; But when He cried to Him, He heard. My praise shall be of You in the great assembly; I will pay My vows before those who fear Him. The poor shall eat and be satisfied; Those who seek Him will praise the LORD. Let your heart live forever! All the ends of the world Shall remember and turn to the LORD, And all the families of the nations Shall worship before You. For the kingdom is the Lord's, And He rules over the nations. All the prosperous of the earth Shall eat and worship; All those who go down to the dust Shall bow before Him, Even he who cannot keep himself alive. A posterity shall serve Him. It will be recounted of the Lord to the next generation, They will come and declare His righteousness to a people who will be born, That He has done this."

Psalm 22

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