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Advent is good time for
General Confession: Dil.,
How., or Cav. any night.

Don't Break Your Novena.

Fidelity to your Novena is a partial re-payment to your parents for the sleepless nights in the past, and the comforts sacrificed now to provide you an education.

There are still 8 Masses and Communion of love and gratitude possible for those who didn't yet start the Novena.

Was Christ Just a Philosopher?

During vacation, you'll meet some friends from non-Catholic universities. Some of them, influenced by atheistic professors, may pooch-pooch the Divinity of Christ. "Just a great philosopher and moralist," they'll assert. You can flatten them, or better, help them to rebuild their faith if you calmly and clearly review the proofs. The miracles and Resurrection of Christ are the best known, but potent and striking are the Messianic prophecies or predictions.

These prophecies found in the Old Testament regarding Christ, the expected Messiah, were made by a great number of divinely inspired men hundreds of years before the birth of Christ. They supplemented one another and mutually explained one another.

They not only foretold the Messiah in a general way but gave exact details of His coming and His life. Consider these, for example:

1. He shall come from the line of David (Isaias xi. 1:2).
2. He shall be born at Bethlehem (Micheas v. 2).
3. He shall be born of a Virgin Mother (Is. vii. 14). He shall be called the Son of God (Psalms ii. 7).
4. Yet He shall be a man of sorrows, despised and the lowest of men (Is. liii.).
5. He shall be sold for thirty pieces of silver, and the silver shall be used to purchase the potter's field (Zach. xi. 12:13).
6. He shall be offered of His own will, and shall not open His mouth; He shall be led as a sheep to the slaughter, and shall be dumb as a lamb before His shearer (Is. liii. 7).
7. His hands and feet shall be pierced, His garments shall be divided, and lots cast upon His vesture (Ps. xxi. 17-19).
8. His Kingdom shall be assailed but shall last forever (Ps. ii. 1-4).
9. He shall be a light to the Gentiles and bring salvation to the ends of the earth (Is. xlix. 6).

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All these predictions were fulfilled in Christ. Their fulfillment in one individual must have been the work of God, not of chance. Christ, therefore, being the promised Redeemer, taught with Divine authority when He Said He was God. Therefore, He was God!

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