

# Luke 24:44

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

Fulfillment of Scripture: 'And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.' Jesus reminds them: 'These are the words which I spake unto you' (Οὗτοι οἱ λόγοι μου οὓς ἐλάλησα πρὸς ὑμᾶς, Houtoi hoi logoi mou hous elalēsa pros hymas)—He repeatedly predicted death and resurrection. The necessity: 'all things must be fulfilled' (πληρωθῆναι πάντα, plērōthēnai panta). The source: 'the law of Moses, and the prophets, and the psalms' (τῷ νόμῳ Μωϋσέως καὶ τοῖς προφήταις καὶ ψαλμοῖς, tō nomō Mōuseōs kai tois prophētais kai psalmois)—the entire Old Testament. All Scripture points to Christ.

## Historical Context

Jesus' statement encompasses the Hebrew Bible's three divisions: Torah (Law of Moses), Nevi'im (Prophets), and Ketuvim (Writings, including Psalms). This phrase, like 'Moses and the Prophets' (v. 27), means the complete Old Testament. Jesus declares that all Scripture finds fulfillment in Him—not isolated proof-texts but the entire redemptive narrative. The Old Testament anticipates Christ through:

1. types and shadows (tabernacle, sacrifices, priesthood)
2. prophecies (Isaiah 53, Psalm 22, Daniel 7)

3. patterns (exodus, exile, restoration).

The New Testament repeatedly shows how Christ fulfills Scripture (Matthew 5:17, Luke 24:27, John 5:39, Acts 17:2-3, Romans 1:2). Christianity isn't novel religion but fulfillment of Israel's hope.

## Related Passages

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**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## Study Questions

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1. How does Jesus claim that all Scripture (Law, Prophets, Psalms) points to Him?
2. What are ways the Old Testament anticipates Christ—through types, prophecies, and patterns?
3. Why is it important that Christianity fulfills rather than contradicts the Old Testament?

## Interlinear Text

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Εἶπεν	δὲ	αὐτοῖς	Οὗτοι	τῷ	λόγοι	οὓς	ἐλάλησα	
he said	And	unto them	These	which	are the words	which	I spake	
G2036	G1161	G846	G3778	G3588	G3056	G3739	G2980	
πρὸς	ὑμᾶς	ἔτι	ὧν	σὺν	ὑμῖν	ὅτι	δεῖ	πληρωθῆναι
unto	you	I was yet	while	with	you	that	must	be fulfilled
G4314	G5209	G2089	G5607	G4862	G5213	G3754	G1163	G4137
πάντα	τῷ	γεγραμμένα	ἐν	τῷ	νόμῳ	Μωσέως	καὶ	
all things	which	were written	in	which	the law	of Moses	and	
G3956	G3588	G1125	G1722	G3588	G3551	G3475	G2532	
προφήταις	καὶ	ψαλμοῖς	περὶ	ἐμοῦ				
in the prophets	and	in the psalms	concerning	me				
G4396	G2532	G5568	G4012	G1700				

## Additional Cross-References

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**Zechariah 12:10** (Parallel theme): And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.

**Zechariah 9:9** (Parallel theme): Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.

**Acts 13:33** (Parallel theme): God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.

**Luke 9:22** (Parallel theme): Saying, The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be slain, and be raised the third day.

**Isaiah 7:14** (Parallel theme): Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

**Revelation 19:10** (Prophecy): And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

**Isaiah 9:6** (Parallel theme): For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

**Zechariah 6:12** (Parallel theme): And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD:

**John 5:46** (References Moses): For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me.

**Hebrews 10:1** (Word): For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect.