

SPIRITUAL ENGAGEMENT

How can we engage in our faith?

2 Cor. 12:7b (NIV) *Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. ⁹ But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. ¹⁰ That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.*

1. Pain

Mark 15:37 (NIV) *With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last.*

2. Process

Jesus fulfilled the 3 offices described in the OT of:

a). Prophet

- *The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him. –Deuteronomy 18:15*
- *They were all filled with awe and praised God. "A great prophet has appeared among us," they said. "God has come to help his people." -Luke 7:16*

b). Priest

- *I will raise up for myself a faithful priest, who will do according to what is in my heart and mind. I will firmly establish his priestly house, and they will minister before my anointed one always. -1 Samuel 2:35*
- *Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, ^p Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. –Hebrews 4:14*

c). King

I have installed my king on Zion, my holy mountain." – Psalm 2:6
Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. –John 19:19

	OT	NT
Born in Bethlehem	Micah 5:2	Matt 2:1-6
Born of a virgin	Isaiah 7:14	Matt. 1:18-25
Like Moses	Deu. 18:15	John 7:40
Triumphal Entry	Zech 9:9	Matt 21:1-9
Rejected by own people	Is 53:1,3	Matt 26:3,4
Betrayed by own follower	Psalms 41:9	Matt. 26:3,4

3. Power

Acts 1:4 (NIV) *On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."*

Acts 1:6 (NIV) *Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority."*

Acts 1:8 (NIV) *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*

Jerusalem: Local

Judea: Regional

Samaria: Cross Cultural

End of the Earth: Global