

**ChristChurch Life Group Discussion outline – 10/12/06**  
**“Love is....”**  
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**Micah 5:2-5**

1. In Micah 5:2-5, the place of the Messiah's birth [i.e. Bethlehem] is prophesied.

**Question:** Can anyone think of any other Old Testament prophecies about the coming Messiah?

**Answer:** here are a few:

Will be born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14 & Matthew 1:18-25)

Ministry will begin in Galilee (Isaiah 9:1 & Matthew 4:12-17)

Miraculous ministry (Isaiah 35:5-6 & Matthew 9:35)

Will enter Jerusalem on a donkey (Zechariah 9:9 & Luke 19:35-37)

Sold for 30 pieces of silver (Zechariah 11:12 & Matthew 26:15)

Money used to buy a potter's field (Zechariah 11:13 & Matthew 27:7)

Will be wounded and bruised (Isaiah 53:5 & Matthew 27:26)

Will be spit upon (Isaiah 50:6 & Matthew 26:27)

Hands and feet pierced (Psalm 22:16 & Luke 23:33)

Lots cast for his clothing (Psalm 22:18 & John 19:23-24)

Pierced (Zechariah 12:10 & John 19:34)

Buried in a rich man's tomb (Isaiah 53:9 & Matthew 27:57-60)

NB. What Jesus himself said about them: Matt 5:17, Luke 24:27

**Question:** What is the significance of these prophecies? Do they make any difference to you? How so?

2. Read Matthew's account (NB Matthew has no shepherds, and Luke has no wise men!) in Matthew 1:18 – Matthew 2:18).

**Question:** What can we learn about God and/or apply to our lives from reading this familiar story?