

## **TFD#61 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021 “The telephone of the future”**

Good morning all and good morning Mark. Thanks for the introduction. I saw a newspaper cutting recently. It was taken from the Tacoma News Tribune, a local Seattle based newspaper way back in 1953. The article asks about the telephone of the future.

Let me quote from this 1953 article, it's not too long (remember that it's nearly 70 years old)...

*“Mark R Sullivan, San Francisco, president and director of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, said in an address on Thursday night (1953), “Just what form the future telephone will take, is of course, pure speculation. Here is my prophecy: ‘In its final development, the telephone will be carried about by the individual, perhaps as we carry a watch today. It probably will require no dial or equivalent and I think the users will be able to see each other, if they want as they talk. Who knows but what it may actually translate from one language to another?’”*

Well I think that 70 year old guess about the future of the phone is pretty spot on. My mobile phone can be carried around, allows face to face video conferencing, and thanks to online software can translate from English into 108 different languages.

Well Mark Sullivan got his prophecy of the “telephone” as he called it absolutely right but he would have been the first to admit it was an educated guess.

The Bible on the other hand is full of genuine prophecies. Predictions about the future that came true. This is one of the things that convinces me to be a Christian. Let me give you a few examples of prophecies made hundreds of years before Jesus that came true in him.

1. He would be born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2).
2. He would be born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14).
3. He would travel through Egypt (Hosea 11:1).
4. He would minister in Galilee (Isaiah 9:1).
5. He would teach in parables (Psalm 78:1-2).
6. He would ride humbly into Jerusalem on a donkey (Zechariah 9:9)
7. He would be innocent and yet suffer unjustly (Psalm 22:1).
8. He would be abandoned and betrayed by friends (Psalm 31:11).
9. People would cast lots (an ancient version of rolling dice) for his clothing and give vinegar for his thirst (Psalm 22:18 & Psalm 69:21).
10. He would rise from the dead (Isaiah 53:11).

(Look at the CCH blog for more: at this [link](#)).

Mark R Sullivan predicted something in 1953 that would change society (the mobile phone), but the Bible promises someone who has changed the world (Jesus Christ). Get in touch if we can help you know more about Jesus and the Bible. Have a great day.

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