The Science of Compound Probabilities
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Science has developed a method of studying odds called the science of compound probabilities. It's a mathematical study of situations and the odds of possible outcomes. Using this method, a study was done to determine the odds of one man in history fulfilling all the prophecies recorded in the Scripture that point to the Jewish Messiah.

There are over 300 Messianic prophecies in the Scriptures. For the study, eight clearly defined and specific Messianic prophecies were chosen that were totally beyond the human control of Jesus: (1) His place of birth (Micah 5:2). (2) Time of birth (Daniel 9:25). (3) Manner of birth (Isaiah 7:14). (4) Betrayal (Zechariah 11:12, 13). (5) Manner of death (Psalm 22:16-18) Notice the detail even down to the gambling for His robe! (6) Piercing of hands, feet, and side (Zechariah 12:10). (7) People mocking (Psalm 22:7,8). (8) Burial (Isaiah 53:9).

The compound probability of just these eight prophecies being fulfilled was found to be 1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000 (1 in 10 to the 17th power). To better understand what this number really means, take that many presidential golden dollars and lay them on the face of Texas. They would cover the entire state almost two feet deep. Then, mark a single golden dollar and drop it somewhere in the state as you fly over it. Blindfold someone and let him or her parachute in anywhere they want. Allow them only one try to try to find and pick up the coin you marked.

What chance do you think they would have of getting the right one? It would be just about the same chance that the prophets had of writing these eight prophecies and having them all come true in any one man. Yet, Jesus fulfilled them all!

Now let's raise the odds using 48 prophecies. If my math is correct and my zero count accurate, the chances of one person fulfilling 48 of the Messianic prophecies to be 1 in
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000,000,000,000,000,000,000 (1 in 10 to the 157th power).

And to think, Jesus is reported to have fulfilled over 300 prophecies! It would seem to me that if you ran the numbers, it would take more intestinal fortitude (my wife doesn't like me to use the word "guts"!) for someone to defend that Jesus is not the Messiah, than to accept the fact that He is! The science of probabilities speaks for itself!