

# IT MIGHT BE TODAY

## Pope pourri

Each week we present what we call a prophecy update. We check the news for stories that seem to corroborate centuries old prophecies found in the Bible.

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Malachy was a 12th century Irish monk who, while on a visit to Rome, had a vision of all the popes who would ever reign. He committed to paper a series of Latin phrases describing the future popes. Malachy used a short phrase in Latin to describe each future pope, beginning with Celestine II whom he described with the phrase, "From a castle on the Tiber." That pope's birth name was Guido di Castello. More recently, he described Pope John Paul I with the phrase: "From the midst of the moon." His reign, which began in 1978, began with the moon half full and lasted only one month - or one moon.

Malachy's predictions reputedly were made in 1139 while he was on a pilgrimage to the Vatican, where he was appointed papal legate for Ireland. Reportedly it was entrusted to Pope Innocent II in 1140. It was "lost" in the Vatican for 400 years, only to be "discovered" in 1595.

On his last trek to Rome, in 1148, Malachy accurately predicted the place and time of his own death: Clairvaux, France, on All Souls Day, November 2, of that same year.

According to his list, **the next pope to be selected will be the last and then Rome will be destroyed.**

What are we to make of it?

It's been determined that at least some of the early prophecies were written after the events took place.

The post-publication prophecies, however, are another story. They have shown astonishing fulfillment. An article on [newsmax.com](http://newsmax.com) notes the following:

He [described] Pope John Paul II by the Latin expression "Laboris Solis" - or translated "From the labor of the sun" - an expression meaning a solar eclipse.

As it turned out, John Paul II was the only known pope to be born on the day of a solar eclipse - and he was buried on the day of a solar eclipse.

A near total eclipse was seen across Europe on May 18, 1920, the day he was born in Poland.

And on April 8, 2005, the day of the Pope's funeral, a partial solar eclipse blotted out most of the sun and darkened a wide area of the world, from the South Pacific to the Western Hemisphere.

For the next Pope, Benedict XVI, St. Malachy wrote: "Glory of the olive." Before the Pope was selected, some suggested a Benedictine would be elected because the order is sometimes referred to as the Olivetans, whose name ultimately derives from the Mount of Olives in the New Testament.

A Benedictine was not selected. However, upon his election as pontiff, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger chose the name Benedict after St. Benedict of Nursia, founder of the Benedictine Order.

St. Malachy described only one more pope after Benedict, "Petrus Romanus" or "Peter the Roman."

<http://www.newsmax.com/Headline/pope-resignation-malachy-prophecy/2013/02/12/id/490019#ixzz2Kj0IWCzB>

What significance is this to us? *Probably none!* All I can say is that it is interesting.

We have the sure Word of prophecy - God's Word. We know the broad outlines of Bible prophecy and a lot of its details. If Malachy turns out to be right, it's really incidental.

What I would say is don't make a big thing about it; use it to bring the conversation back to what we know to be true.

These are the last days. The Lord promised to come at any moment to resurrect the dead in Christ, and to rapture living believers.

Are you ready? If not, get ready, stay ready, and keep looking up.  
***Ready or not, Jesus is coming!***