

## Devotional for Good Friday

The Gospels give more space recording the events of Jesus' last week, than they do any other time in Jesus' life.

In particular, "Gospel time" slows way down to describe the details of Jesus' last hours on earth, when He was arrested, tried, tortured and crucified.

This devotional looks at the details of Jesus' last hours from the standpoint of how they were foretold in the Old Testament prophecies hundreds of years before they happened.

As Jesus told the two disciples who were on their way to Emmaus after His resurrection, the events concerning Jesus' death that were foretold in the prophets must be fulfilled.

*And He said to them, "O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! "Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?" Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures. (Luke24:25-27)*

For each of the 20 episodes covered in Jesus' last hours, read the Old Testament prophecy and then see its fulfillment in its Gospel counterpart.

I have listed all the verses for you to read as part of this devotional.

Afterward, consider answering and discussing the following questions:

1. In considering these 20 prophecies, how likely do you think it is that their fulfillment was just a lucky coincidence?
2. How does seeing these prophecies fulfilled help you?
3. Which prophecy detail stood out to you? What was there about it that caught your attention?
4. Considering what Jesus did for us in His passion and death, how should we respond?

## The Passion and Death of the Messiah in Prophecy

	<u>O.T. Prophecy</u>	<u>N.T. Fulfillment</u>
1. He was Rejected by His own people.	Isaiah 53:3	John 1:11
2. He was Falsely Accused.	Psalms 109:4-5	Matthew 26:59
3. He was Betrayed for 30 pieces of silver.	Psalms 41:9; Zechariah 11:12-13	Matthew 16:14-16
4. His Friends were Scattered.	Zechariah 13:7; Psalm 31:11;	Matthew 26:31
5. He was Silent before His accusers.	Isaiah 53:7	Matthew 27:12
6. He was Scourged, tortured and humiliated.	Isaiah 50:5-6	Matthew 27:33-46
7. His Garments were divided by lot.	Psalm 22:18	John 19:24
8. They Pierced His hands and feet.	Psalm 22:16; Zechariah 12:10	John 19:34-37
9. He was Crucified with transgressors.	Isaiah 53:12	Matthew 27:38
10. He was Accursed because he hung on a tree as a criminal deserving death.	Deuteronomy 21:22-23	Galatians 3:13
11. He was Lifted up on a pole so others could be saved.	Numbers 21:9	John 3:14; 12:31-32
12. He was "Bruised" to destroy the serpent.	Genesis 3:15; Isaiah 53:5	
13. He was offered Vinegar to drink.	Psalm 69:21	Matthew 27:48
14. He was Forsaken by God.	Psalm 22:1	Matthew 27:46
15. None of His Bones were broken.	Psalm 34:20; Exodus 12:46	John 19:36
16. He Committed His Spirit to God at death.	Psalm 31:3-5	Luke 23:46
17. He was "Cut off".	Daniel 9:26	John 19:30
18. He was Buried in a rich man's grave.	Isaiah 53:9	Matthew 27:57-60
19. His death was an Atoning sacrifice for our sin.	Isaiah 53:10; Psalm 69:9; Psalm 40:6-7	I Peter 3:18; I John 2:2 Hebrews 10:5-14
20. He was Raised from the dead.	Psalm 16:10; Isaiah 53:11-12	Matthew 28:6 Acts 2:25

## Old Testament Prophecy Verses

(In Numerical Order From Above)

1. Isaiah 53:3 He was despised and forsaken of men, A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; And like one from whom men hide their face He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.
2. Psalm 109:4-5 In return for my love they act as my accusers; But I am in prayer. Thus they have repaid me evil for good And hatred for my love.
3. Psalm 41:9 Even my close friend in whom I trusted, Who ate my bread, Has lifted up his heel against me.

Zechariah 11:12-13 I said to them, "If it is good in your sight, give me my wages; but if not, never mind!" So they weighed out thirty shekels of silver as my wages. Then the LORD said to me, "Throw it to the potter, that magnificent price at which I was valued by them." So I took the thirty shekels of silver and threw them to the potter in the house of the LORD.

4. Zechariah 13:7 "Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, And against the man, My Associate," Declares the LORD of hosts. "Strike the Shepherd that the sheep may be scattered; And I will turn My hand against the little ones.

Psalm 31:11 Because of all my adversaries, I have become a reproach, Especially to my neighbors, And an object of dread to my acquaintances; Those who see me in the street flee from me.

5. Isaiah 53:7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He did not open His mouth; Like a lamb that is led to slaughter, And like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, So He did not open His mouth.
6. Isaiah 50:5-6 The Lord GOD has opened My ear; And I was not disobedient Nor did I turn back. I gave My back to those who strike Me, And My cheeks to those who pluck out the beard; I did not cover My face from humiliation and spitting.
7. Psalm 22:18 They divide my garments among them, And for my clothing they cast lots.
8. Psalm 22:16 For dogs have surrounded me; A band of evildoers has encompassed me; They pierced my hands and my feet.

Zechariah 12:10 "I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn."

9. Isaiah 53:12 Therefore, I will allot Him a portion with the great, And He will divide the booty with the strong; Because He poured out Himself to death, And was numbered with the transgressors; Yet He Himself bore the sin of many, And interceded for the transgressors.
10. Deuteronomy 21:22-23 "If a man has committed a sin worthy of death and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree, his corpse shall not hang all night on the tree, but you shall surely bury him on the same day (for he who is hanged is accursed of God), so that you do not defile your land which the LORD your God gives you as an inheritance."

11. Number 21:9 And Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on the standard; and it came about, that if a serpent bit any man, when he looked to the bronze serpent, he lived.

12. Gen. 3:15 He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel."

Isaiah 53:5 But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed.

13. Psalm 69:21 They also gave me gall for my food And for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

14. Psalm 22:1 My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?

15. Psalm 34:20 He keeps all his bones, Not one of them is broken.

Exodus 12:46 "It is to be eaten (Passover lamb) in a single house; you are not to bring forth any of the flesh outside of the house, nor are you to break any bone of it.

16. Psalm 31:5 Into Your hand I commit my spirit;

17. Daniel 9:26 "Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing,

18. Isaiah 53:9 His grave was assigned with wicked men, Yet He was with a rich man in His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor was there any deceit in His mouth.

19. Isaiah 53:10 But the LORD was pleased To crush Him, putting Him to grief; If He would render Himself as a guilt offering, He will see His offspring, He will prolong His days, And the good pleasure of the LORD will prosper in His hand.

Psalm 69:9 For zeal for Your house has consumed me, And the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me.

Psalm 40:6-7 Sacrifice and meal offering You have not desired; My ears You have opened; Burnt offering and sin offering You have not required. Then I said, "Behold, I come; In the scroll of the book it is written of me. I delight to do Your will, O my God; Your Law is within my heart.

20. Psalm 16:10 For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol; Nor will You allow Your Holy One to undergo decay.

Isaiah 53 :11-12 As a result of the anguish of His soul, He will see it and be satisfied; By His knowledge the Righteous One, My Servant, will justify the many, As He will bear their iniquities. Therefore, I will allot Him a portion with the great, And He will divide the booty with the strong; Because He poured out Himself to death, And was numbered with the transgressors; Yet He Himself bore the sin of many, And interceded for the transgressors.

## **New Testament Fulfillment Verses** (In Order of New Testament Books)

Matthew 26:14-16 Then one of the twelve, named Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What are you willing to give me to betray Him to you?" And they weighed out thirty pieces of silver to him.

Matthew 26:31 Then Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of Me this night, for it is written, 'I will strike down the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered.'

Matthew 26:59-61 Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus, to put him to death; But found none: yea, though many false witnesses came, yet found they none. At the last came two false witnesses, And said, This fellow said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days.

Matthew 27:12 And while He was being accused by the chief priests and elders, He did not answer.

Matthew 27:33-34 And when they came to a place called Golgotha, which means Place of a Skull, they gave Him wine to drink mixed with gall; and after tasting it, He was unwilling to drink.

Matthew 27:35 And when they had crucified Him, they divided up His garments among themselves by casting lots.

Matthew 27:38 At that time two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right and one on the left.

Matthew 27:39-40 And those passing by were hurling abuse at Him, wagging their heads and saying, "You who are going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross."

Matthew 27:43 "HE TRUSTS IN GOD; LET GOD RESCUE Him now, IF HE DELIGHTS IN HIM; for He said, 'I am the Son of God.'"

Matthew 27:46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

Matthew 27:48 Immediately one of them ran, and taking a sponge, he filled it with sour wine and put it on a reed, and gave Him a drink.

Matthew 27:57-60 When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus.

58 This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him.

59 And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,

60 and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the entrance of the tomb and went away.

Luke 23:46 And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, "Father, INTO YOUR HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT." Having said this, He breathed His last.

John 1:11 He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him.

John 3:14-15 "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; so that whoever believes will in Him have eternal life.

John 12:31-33 "Now judgment is upon this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.

32 "And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself."

33 But He was saying this to indicate the kind of death by which He was to die.

John 19:24 So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, to decide whose it shall be"; this was to fulfill the Scripture: "THEY DIVIDED MY OUTER GARMENTS AMONG THEM, AND FOR MY CLOTHING THEY CAST LOTS."

Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

John 19:36 For these things came to pass to fulfill the Scripture, "NOT A BONE OF HIM SHALL BE BROKEN."

John 19:37 And again another Scripture says, "THEY SHALL LOOK ON HIM WHOM THEY PIERCED."

Acts 2:25-27 "For David says of Him, 'I SAW THE LORD ALWAYS IN MY PRESENCE; FOR HE IS AT MY RIGHT HAND, SO THAT I WILL NOT BE SHAKEN.

26 'THEREFORE MY HEART WAS GLAD AND MY TONGUE EXULTED; MOREOVER MY FLESH ALSO WILL LIVE IN HOPE;

27 BECAUSE YOU WILL NOT ABANDON MY SOUL TO HADES, NOR ALLOW YOUR HOLY ONE TO UNDERGO DECAY.

Galatians 3:13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us — for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE" —

Hebrews 10:5-10 Therefore, when He comes into the world, He says, "SACRIFICE AND OFFERING YOU HAVE NOT DESIRED, BUT A BODY YOU HAVE PREPARED FOR ME;

6 IN WHOLE BURNT OFFERINGS AND sacrifices FOR SIN YOU HAVE TAKEN NO PLEASURE.

7 "THEN I SAID, 'BEHOLD, I HAVE COME (IN THE SCROLL OF THE BOOK IT IS WRITTEN OF ME) TO DO YOUR WILL, O GOD.'"

8 After saying above, "SACRIFICES AND OFFERINGS AND WHOLE BURNT OFFERINGS AND sacrifices FOR SIN YOU HAVE NOT DESIRED, NOR HAVE YOU TAKEN PLEASURE in them" (which are offered according to the Law),

9 then He said, "BEHOLD, I HAVE COME TO DO YOUR WILL." He takes away the first in order to establish the second.

10 By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

I Peter 3:18 For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit;

I John 2:1-2 And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;

2 and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world.