

WHY WE BELIEVE: The Bible **Matthew 26:45–56; Luke 24:44-45**

Evidence of Fulfilled Prophecy in Jesus Christ – Part 2

- 1. The Jewish Leaders Have Been Secretly Plotting to Put Jesus to Death**
 - a. Jesus Had Just Entered Jerusalem that Week with a Crowd Chanting He was King
 - b. Then He Overturned the Tables of the Money Changers & Drove them Out with a Whip
 - c. Then He Openly Challenged the Authority of the Scribes and Pharisees
 - 2. The whole city of Jerusalem is on edge...**
 - a. The Crowds have been streaming into Jerusalem all week for Passover
 - b. over a million people are packed in Jerusalem for the time of Passover...
 - c. Romans guards stand watch at the gates of Jerusalem—ready for any civil unrest
 - d. Jewish rulers are searching for Jesus to arrest Him—but don't want to spark a riot...
 - 3. Judas Iscariot walks alone in the night... to meet the High Priest with an offer**
 - a. 30 Pics of Silver—To Betray Jesus and Arrest Him at Night away from the Crowds.
 - 4. What they don't realize is that 24 prophecies will be fulfilled in 24 hrs at the cross.**
 - a. Over 350 prophecies written centuries before—are perfectly fulfilled in Jesus Christ!
 - b. Prophecies of His Birth, Ancestry, Dual-Nature, Eternal Pre-existence, Character, Ministry
 - c. Part 2: Prophecies of His Death, Burial, Resurrection, Ascension, Return.
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I. MESSIANIC PROPHECIES FULFILLED IN JESUS

PROPHECIES OF HIS DEATH, BURIAL, RESURRECTION, ASCENSION, RETURN

1. Location of Jesus Death:

a) Prophecy (Genesis 22:1-2, 11-18) [2,000 yrs before Christ]

- (1) Abraham told his son Issac that God Himself will provide the offering
- (2) Abraham named this location "The Lord Will Provide"
- (3) This Mount Moriah is Jerusalem! (2 Chronicles 3:1)
- (4) Issac carried the wood just as Jesus carried cross

b) Fulfilled (Matthew 27:32–33)

- (1) This site has been identified as the hill of Golgotha 'the place of the skull'

2. Time of Jesus Death: 'prophecy of 70 weeks' (70 - 7's) [500 yrs before Christ]

a) Prophecy (Daniel 9:25-26) Identifies when the Messiah would be killed for sin

- (1) Using a year for day method of counting — $70 \times 7 = 490$ years
- (2) starting from the time the decree was given to rebuild Jerusalem—

b) Fulfilled when Jesus was crucified at the time of Passover (John 19:13-16)

- c) And it would happen before the Romans destroyed Jerusalem.

3. Betrayed by a Friend

a) Prophecy (Psalm 41:9 NIV) [1,000 yrs before Christ]

b) Fulfilled (Matthew 26:20–25)

4. Sold for 30 pieces of Silver

a) Prophecy (Zech 11:12) [500 yrs before Christ]

b) Fulfilled (Matt 26:14-16)

5. Money thrown into the temple

- a) Prophecy (Zech 11:13) [500 yrs before Christ]
- b) Fulfilled (Mt 27:5)

6. Money used for a Potter's field

- a) Prophecy (Zech 11:13) [500 yrs before Christ]
- b) Fulfilled (Matthew 27:6–10)

7. Forsaken by His Disciples

- a) Prophecy (Zech 13:7) [500 yrs before Christ]
- b) Fulfilled (Matthew 26:30–34)

8. Accused by False Witnesses

- a) Prophecy (Psalm 35:11) [1,000 yrs before Christ]
- b) Fulfilled (Matthew 26:59-61)

9. Was Silent before His accusers

- a) Prophecy (Isaiah 53:7) [600 yrs before Christ]
- b) Fulfilled (Matthew 26:62-63; > 27:12–14)
 - (1) Jesus refused to answer his accusers except when required by Law.
 - (2) Pilate was amazed and afraid (John 19:8–16)

10. Wounded and Bruised

- a) Prophecy (Isaiah 53:5) [600 yrs before Christ]
- b) Fulfilled (Matthew 27:26; John 19:1-3)

11. Smitten and Spit Upon

- a) Prophecy (Isaiah 50:6) [600 yrs before Christ]
- b) Fulfilled (Matthew 26:67)

12. He was Mocked

- a) Prophecy (Psalm 22:7-8) [1,000 yrs before Christ]
- b) Fulfilled (Matthew 27:29-31)

HG Wells describes the Climate of Fear at the time: “He was too great for his disciples. And in view of what he plainly said, is it any wonder that all who were rich and prosperous felt a horror of strange things, a swimming of their world at his teaching? Perhaps the priests and the rulers and the rich men understood him better than his followers. He was dragging out all the little private reservations they had made... into the light of a universal religious life. In the white blaze of this kingdom of His there was to be no property, no privilege, no pride and precedence; no motive indeed and no reward but love. Is it any wonder that men were dazzled and blinded and cried out against him? Even his disciples cried out when he would not spare them the light. “Is it any wonder that the priests realized that between this man and themselves there was no choice but that he or the priestcraft should perish? Is it any wonder that the Roman soldiers, confronted and amazed by something soaring over their comprehension and threatening all their disciplines, should take refuge in wild laughter, and crown him with thorns and robe him in purple and make a mock Caesar of him? For to take him seriously was to enter upon a strange and alarming life, to abandon habits, to control instincts and impulses, to essay an incredible happiness.... Is it any wonder that to this day this Galilean is too much for our small hearts?”

13. Fell Under the Cross

- a) Prophecy (Psalm 109:24–25 NIV) [1,000 yrs before Christ]

b) Fulfilled (John 19:17; Luke 23:26)

14. They Pierced His Hands and Feet

a) Prophecy (Psalm 22:16) [1,000 yrs before Christ]

(1) When David wrote psalm 22, Crucifixion had not even been invented yet.

It was invented by the Persians—but truly perfected by the Romans.

(2) The Jews executed criminals by stoning... The Romans by Crucifixion...

The Most Cruel & Prolonged Form of Execution Known to Man

(3) So Horrible that it Was Against Roman Law to Crucify a Roman Citizen

(4) No Word Could Describe the Pain so a Word Had to be Invented: Excruciating

In Latin Excruciating Literally Means “Out of the Cross”

(5) Jesus Hung on the Cross for 6 Excruciating Hours from 9am to 3pm

b) Fulfilled (Jn 19:14-18)

Frederick Farrar describes it: “death by crucifixion seems to include all that pain and death can have of horrible and ghastly—dizziness, cramp, thirst, starvation, sleeplessness, traumatic fever, tetanus, shame, publicity of shame, long continuance of torment, horror of anticipation, mortification of untended wounds—all intensified just up to the point at which they can be endured at all, but all stopping just short of the point which would give to the sufferer the relief of unconsciousness. The unnatural position made every movement painful; the lacerated veins and crushed tendons throbbed with incessant anguish; the wounds, inflamed by exposure, the arteries—especially at the head and stomach—became swollen and oppressed; and while each variety of misery went on gradually increasing, there was added to them the intolerable pang of a burning and raging thirst; and all these physical complications caused an anxiety, which made the prospect of death itself—of death, the unknown enemy, at whose approach man usually shudders most—bear the aspect of a delicious and exquisite release.” (Frederick Farrar)

15. Numbered among the Thieves

a) Prophecy (Isaiah 53:12) [600 yrs before Christ]

b) Fulfilled (Matthew 27:38)

16. Made Intercession for His Persecutors

a) Prophecy (Isaiah 53:12) [600 yrs before Christ]

b) Fulfilled (Luke 23:34)

“This office He began on the cross, and now continues in heaven.”

17. His Garments Parted and Cast Lots

a) Prophecy (Psalm 22:18) [1,000 yrs before Christ]

b) Fulfilled (Luke 23:35)

18. Offered Gall and Vinegar to Drink

a) Prophecy (Psalm 69:21) [1,000 yrs before Christ]

b) Fulfilled (Matthew 27:34) Twice Jesus was offered Vinegar to drink.

(1) The First was mixed with gall and myrrh. It was made by some women of Jerusalem as a form of mercy to deaden the pain of crucifixion.

This is the one Jesus refused.

(2) The other was Vinegar and water which soldiers used for refreshment to rejuvenate, so it had the opposite effect—it prolonged the pain.

- (3) Jesus refused to deaden the pain of the cross—
He drank the wine of the Father's wrath down to the Dregs
so we could be saved from our sins & join the marriage supper of the Lamb.

19. His Bones Not Broken

a) Prophecy (Psalm 34:20) [1,000 yrs before Christ]

b) Fulfilled (John 19:33)

- (1) At the first Passover God commanded Israel not to break any bone of the Passover Lamb.
(2) Jesus is the Passover Lamb of God—not one bone was broken.

20. They Pierced His Side

a) Prophecy (Zech 12:10; 13:1) [500 yrs before Christ]

b) Fulfilled (John 19:34)

- (1) Just as God created Adam's bride from His side (not his head or feet but side) and brought Her to Adam for the two to become one...
(2) The Church, the Bride of Christ was taken from His pierced and bleeding side. To become one in Christ as the Bride of Christ.

21. Darkness over the land

a) Prophecy (Amos 8:9) [750 yrs before Christ]

b) Fulfilled (Matthew 27:45, 50-51)

- (1) **Roman Historian Phlegon**, wrote: "In the fourth year of the 202nd Olympiad, there was an extraordinary eclipse of the sun: at the sixth hour, the day turned into dark night, so that the stars in heaven were seen; and there was an earthquake."¹
• The Cross of Christ is where we see the Heart of God!
• The Holiness of God seen in His wrath against sin poured out on Jesus in our place
• The Love of God in Jesus taking the wrath of God on Himself to pay our debt in full.

22. Buried with the rich

a) Prophecy: (Isaiah 53:9 NIV) [600 yrs before Christ] Jesus was not buried in an unmarked criminals grave, but in a rich man's tomb, even though He was poor.

b) Fulfilled: (Matthew 27:57–60) Joseph of Arimathea was a wealthy man

- (1) The Disciples all fled—but two secret disciples gave Jesus a dignified burial
(2) God knew Joseph of Arimathea's faith before Joseph knew of his own faith.

23. He would Raise from the Dead

a) Prophecy (Psalm 16:10-11) [1,000 yrs before Christ]

b) Fulfilled (Acts 2:31-32) > Read (John 20:24–29)

24. The Ascension and Coronation of the Messiah

- a) Prophecy (Daniel 7:13–14; Psalm 68:18) [500 yrs before Christ]**
b) Fulfilled (Revelation 1:5; 1:12–18; 14:14)

¹ Roman Historian Phlegon, cited by Jerome's translation of Eusebius' Chronicle. Also: Adam Clarke.

CONCLUSION:²

- 1. There are over 350 Messianic Prophecies recorded in scripture centuries before Jesus was born—all fulfilled with 100% accuracy in Jesus Christ.**
 - a. Some people object and ask—how do we know they weren't altered to fit the life of Christ?
 - **NUMBER 1:** ALL of these Prophecies were written on scrolls and hidden in the caves of Qumran over 2 centuries before the birth of Jesus. Not discovered until 1946 by Beduin Goat Herders in the cliffs above the Dead Sea.
 - **NUMBER 2:** We also have the entire OT translated from Hebrew into Greek in Alexandria, Egypt 2 1/2 centuries before the Birth of Jesus—called the Septuagint which means 70 referring to 70 Jewish scribes who translated it.
 - b. **We have the Physical Forensic Evidence that these prophecies were written centuries before Jesus was born and none of them were altered!**
- 2. We even have prophecies that are yet fulfilled of Jesus Future Return—A Promise from our Lord! (John 14:1-3)**

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² For more information see: Josh McDowell, 'Evidence that Demands a Verdict'. Herbert Lockyer, 'All the Messianic Prophecies in the Bible'. Phil Sanders, 'Evangelism Handbook of New Testament Christianity'.