

## Amazing Bible Prophecies Fulfilled at Jesus' Crucifixion

Message 1 of 3 in the series: "Amazing Bible Prophecies Fulfilled at Easter!"

### A. Amazingly, Jesus' suffering and death on a cross were prophesied hundreds of years in advance.

"Then Jesus said to them, 'You foolish people! You find it so hard to believe all that the prophets wrote in the Scriptures. **Wasn't it clearly predicted that the Messiah would have to suffer all these things before entering his glory?**' Then Jesus took them through the writings of Moses and all the prophets, explaining from all the Scriptures the things concerning himself." Luke 24:25-27 (NLT)

**IMPORTANT!** The Biblical prophecies of Jesus' crucifixion were fulfilled with 100% accuracy because God knows the future. "I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. **I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come.** I say, 'My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.'" Isaiah 46:9b-10 (NIV)

**Why it Matters:** We worship an amazing all-knowing, all-powerful, eternal God! "...Praise the name of God forever and ever, for he has all wisdom and power. **He controls the course of world events**; he removes kings and sets up other kings. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the scholars. **He reveals deep and mysterious things** and knows what lies hidden in darkness, though he is surrounded by light."  
Daniel 2:20-22 (NLT)

### B. Amazingly, 700 years before the crucifixion, the OT prophet Isaiah described Jesus' death in detail.

1. **Prophecy:** "He was oppressed and treated harshly, yet he never said a word. He was led like a lamb to the slaughter. And as a sheep is silent before the shearers, he did not open his mouth. Unjustly condemned, he was led away." Isaiah 53:7-8a (NLT)

**Fulfillment:** "Then the leading priests kept accusing him of many crimes, and Pilate asked him, 'Aren't you going to answer them? What about all these charges they are bringing against you?' **But Jesus said nothing**, much to Pilate's surprise...Pilate asked them, 'Then what should I do with this man you call the king of the Jews?' They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' 'Why?' Pilate demanded. 'What crime has he committed?' But the mob roared even louder, 'Crucify him!'" Mark 15:3-5 & 12-14 (NLT)

2. **Prophecy:** "But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed." Isaiah 53:5 (NLT)

**Fulfillment:** "So to pacify the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. **He ordered Jesus flogged with a lead-tipped whip**, then turned him over to the Roman soldiers to be crucified." Mark 15:15 (NLT)

3. **Prophecy:** "...he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors." Isaiah 53:12b (NIV)

**Fulfillment:** "Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, **they crucified him there, along with the criminals**—one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, '**Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.**'" Luke 23:32-34a (NIV)

4. **Prophecy:** "He had done no wrong and had never deceived anyone. But he was buried like a criminal; **he was put in a rich man's grave.**" Isaiah 53:9 (NLT)

**Fulfillment:** "As evening approached, **Joseph, a rich man from Arimathea** who had become a follower of Jesus, went to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. And Pilate issued an order to release it to him. Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a long sheet of clean linen cloth. **He placed it in his own new tomb**, which had been carved out of the rock. Then he rolled a great stone across the entrance and left." Matthew 27:57-60 (NLT)

**Why it Matters:** Jesus' death on the cross was a substitutionary atonement for our sins. "All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet **the Lord laid on him the sins of us all.**" Isaiah 53:6 (NLT)

"God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."  
2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV)

### C. Amazingly, 1,000 years before the crucifixion, David wrote a Psalm that describes the crucifixion from Jesus' point of view.

1. **Prophecy:** "My enemies surround me like a pack of dogs; an evil gang closes in on me. They have pierced my hands and feet." Psalm 22:16 (NLT)

**Fulfillment:** "Carrying the cross by himself, he went to the place called Place of the Skull (in Hebrew, *Golgotha*). **There they nailed him to the cross.**" John 19:17-18a (NLT)

2. **Prophecy:** "They divide my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment." Psalm 22:18 (NIV)  
**Fulfillment:** "When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. 'Let's not tear it,' they said to one another. **'Let's decide by lot who will get it.'**" John 19:23-24a (NIV)
3. **Prophecy:** "I am scorned and despised by all! Everyone who sees me mocks me. They sneer and shake their heads, saying, 'Is this the one who relies on the LORD? Then let the LORD save him! If the LORD loves him so much, let the LORD rescue him!'" Psalm 22:6b-8 (NLT)  
**Fulfillment:** "**The people passing by shouted abuse, shaking their heads in mockery.** 'Look at you now!' they yelled at him. 'You said you were going to destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days. Well then, if you are the Son of God, save yourself and come down from the cross!' The leading priests, the teachers of religious law, and the elders also mocked Jesus. 'He saved others,' they scoffed, 'but he can't save himself! So, he is the King of Israel, is he? Let him come down from the cross right now, and we will believe in him! **He trusted God, so let God rescue him now if he wants him!**'"  
Matthew 27:39-43a (NLT)
4. **Prophecy:** "**My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?** Why are you so far away when I groan for help?" Psalm 22:1 (NLT)  
**Fulfillment:** "At about three o'clock, Jesus called out with a loud voice, '*Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?*' which means '**My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**'" Matthew 27:46 (NLT)

**Why it Matters:** Jesus knew exactly how painful and horrible His crucifixion was going to be, but He willingly sacrificed Himself because He loves us so much. "'Father, if you are willing, **please take this cup of suffering away from me.** Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.' Then an angel from heaven appeared and strengthened him. He prayed more fervently, and **he was in such agony of spirit that his sweat fell to the ground like great drops of blood.**" Luke 22:42-44 (NLT)

"But **God showed his great love for us** by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners."  
Romans 5:8 (NLT)

**D. The amazing prophecies of Jesus' crucifixion remind us that from eternity past, God was planning a way to restore filthy, rotten sinners to a right relationship with Himself.**

"**Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us** in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. **This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.**" Ephesians 1:4-5 (NLT)

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**Connect Group Discussion Questions:**

1. How does it make you feel to read that God knows everything that will ever happen in the future and that all of His plans will succeed? (Isaiah 46:9-10, Psalm 2:1-4)
2. Read Isaiah 53, written 700 years before Jesus' crucifixion. Then discuss the prophecies in this chapter that were fulfilled.
  - The Messiah will be silent as He is led away to slaughter. (Isaiah 53:7-8, Mark 15:3-14)
  - The Messiah will be whipped and badly beaten. (Isaiah 53:5, Mark 15:15)
  - The Messiah will die among criminals, yet He will pray for those killing Him. (Isaiah 53:12, Luke 23:32-34)
  - The Messiah will be buried in a rich man's grave. (Isaiah 53:9, Matthew 27:57-60)
3. From the following verses, come up with your own definition of "substitutionary atonement." (Isaiah 53:6, 2 Corinthians 5:21, 1 Peter 3:18)
4. Read Psalm 22, written 1,000 years before Jesus' crucifixion. Then discuss the prophecies in this chapter that were fulfilled.
  - The Messiah's hands and feet will be pierced. (Psalm 22:16, John 19:17-18)
  - People will gamble for the Messiah's clothing. (Psalm 22:18, John 19:23-24)

- The Messiah will be mocked and scorned. (Psalm 22:6-8, Matthew 27:39-43)
- The Messiah will feel abandoned by God. (Psalm 22:1-2, Matthew 27:46)

5. Discuss the following statements:

- The amazing prophecies of Jesus' crucifixion remind us that from eternity past, God was planning a way to restore filthy, rotten sinners to a right relationship with Himself. (Ephesians 1:4-5)
- Jesus knew exactly how painful and horrible His crucifixion was going to be, but He willingly sacrificed Himself because He loves us so much. (Luke 22:42-44, John 12:27, Romans 5:8)
- We worship an amazing, all-knowing, all-powerful, eternal God! (Daniel 2:20-22)