

HANDOUT: The Gospel of John chapter 20

Jesus speaking to the Apostles Resurrection Sunday in Luke 24:44: *“then he told them, ‘This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, was destined to be fulfilled.’ He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures,..”*. St Peter speaking after the Ascension: *“..but this is the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer.”* [Acts 3:18].

Many modern Biblical scholars do not believe in “predictive prophecy”. Predictive prophecy concludes that there is a divine intellect behind the writings of the Old and New Testaments which demonstrates that the Bible is a divinely inspired Sacred Text. To deny predictive prophecy denies that there was a divine plan for man’s redemption since predictive prophecy not only establishes the **fact of God** but it also **authenticates the deity of Jesus Christ**. The Old Testament contains over three hundred references to the Messiah that were fulfilled in Jesus of Nazareth. Here are only some of the prophecies fulfilled in His crucifixion as recounted in the Gospels and foretold in the Old Testament.

| PROPHECY | FULFILLMENT |
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| He fell under the cross: Psalms 109: 24, 25 | John 19:17 |
| Hands and feet pierced: Psalms 22:16 [Zechariah 12:10] | John 20:25 [Luke 23:33] |
| Crucified with thieves: Isaiah 53:12 | Matthew 27:38 [Mark 15:27, 28] |
| Made intercession for His persecutors: Isaiah 53:12 | Luke 23:34 |
| Rejected by His own people: Isaiah 53:3 [Psalms 69:8, 118:22] | John 7:5, 48 [Matthew 21:42, 43; John 1:11] |
| He was hated without a cause: Psalms 69:4 also Isaiah 49:7 | John 15:25 |
| Friends stood off from Him: Psalms 38:11 | Luke 23:49 [Matthew 27:55, 56; Mark 15:40] |
| People shook their heads: Psalms 109:25 & 22:7 | Matthew 27:39 |
| Gall and vinegar offered to Him: Psalms 69:21 | Matthew 27:34; John 19:28-29 |
| His garments were divided and lots cast: Psalms 22:18 | Matthew 27:35; Mark 15:24; Luke 23:34; John 19:23, 24 |
| Darkness over the land: Amos 8:9; Joel 3:4 | Matthew 27:45 |
| He suffered thirst: Psalms 69:21 | John 19:28 |
| His forsaken cry: Psalms 22:1 | Matthew 27:46 |
| Committed Himself to God: Psalms 31:5 | Luke 23:46 |
| Came to fulfill the Old Covenant: Jeremiah 31:31-4 | John 19: |
| Bones not broken: Psalms 34:20 | John 19:33 |
| His side was pierced: Zechariah 12:10 | John 19:34 |
| His heart broken’ Psalms 22:14 | John 19:34 |
| Buried in a rich man’s tomb: Isaiah 53:9 | Matthew 27:57-30 |

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12 References to Mary of Magdala in the New Testament

| MATTHEW | MARK | LUKE | JOHN |
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| 27:56 | 15:40 | 8:2 | 19:25 |
| 27:61 | 15:47 | 24:10 | 20:1 |
| 28:1 | 16:1 | | 20:18 |
| | 16:9 | | |

Jesus' Prophecies of His Resurrection:

| GOSPEL | VERSES |
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| Matthew | 12:38-40; 16:21; 17:9, 23; 20:18, 19; 26:32; 27:63 |
| Mark | 8:31-9:1; 9:10, 31; 10:32-34; 14:28, 58 |
| Luke | 9:22-27 |
| John | 2:18-22; 12:34; chapters 14-16 |

Jesus not only predicted His Resurrection but He also emphasized that His Resurrection from the dead would be the prophetic "sign" to authenticate His claim that He is the Messiah!

| GOSPEL | VERSES |
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| Matthew | 12:1-8; 16:21; 17:9, 22, 23; 20:18, 19; 26:32 |
| Mark | 9:10 |
| Luke | 9:22-27, 44 |
| John | 2:18-22 <i>"The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us that you should act like this?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this Temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken 46 years to build this Temple: are you going to raise it up again in three days?' But he was speaking of the Temple that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and what he had said."</i> |

The Seven Public Signs of Jesus in St. John's Gospel

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| #1 2:1-11 | <i>The sign of water turned to wine at the wedding at Cana</i> |
| #2 4:46-54 | <i>The healing of the official's son</i> |
| #3 5:1-9 | <i>The healing of the paralytic</i> |
| #4 6:1-14 | <i>The multiplication of the loaves to feed the 5,000</i> |
| #5 9:1-41 | <i>The healing of the man who was born blind</i> |
| #6 11:17-44 | <i>The raising of Lazarus from the dead</i> |
| #7 20:1-10 | <i>The Resurrection of Jesus</i> |

*8th miracle was the walking on the Sea of Galilee and calming the storm, a private revelation for the Apostles in 6:16-21

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