

# Sermon on the Mount Law & Prophets

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 ${\mathcal W}$ elcome to Jesus Time where we spend time with Jesus in His time and culture.

Jesus knew from an early age that every Jew learned GOD'S Law & were actually known as a "nation of philosophers" meaning the people misunderstood when they heard Christ was teaching new things.

Jesus Continues with His Sermon on the Mount.

Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfil them. <sup>18</sup> For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. (Rev.21 Heaven & Earth pass away & are recreated by GOD anew.) Matthew 5:17-18 RSV

Jesus now states before those present including some Pharisees & Scribes each being teachers of GOD'S Law, that He certainly was not nullifying, amending, nor resending any portion of His Heavenly Fathers Word. Because Jesus IS the Word of GOD made flesh He IS the establishment of GOD'S Will.

Especially as GOD'S Word pertains to any of His requirements as for our thoughts, desires, motivations, and behavior.

Christ explains that He IS the actual embodiment and fulfillment of GOD'S Law.

As stated by Brigid Younghughes the Anglican Christian author in her 1988 work titled "Christianity's Jewish Heritage" page # 8, When Jesus said: "I came not to destroy but to fulfil GOD'S Law and the Prophets."

"This means completion in the sense of bringing to perfection not as (some) Christians have all too often interpreted it to render obsolete. To fulfill in such a way as to prepare a foundation on which to build further." End Quote. This meaning the Good News Gospel of Jesus as our Christ as our Savior, is totally founded and based upon GOD'S Law with the Prophecy of Him as our Messiah.

Many Priests, Pastors, & Biblical Theologians teach that GOD'S Law in fact serves as a legal and binding reminder that we- as Sinful human beings, are fully inadequate and incapable of keeping GOD'S Law. As Jesus said: "The Spirit is willing but the flesh is weak." (Matt.26:41)

As in GOD'S Law demands perfection just as GOD Himself is perfect.

When we break just one of GOD'S Laws then we are in fact just as guilty as if we had broken them all.

- For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse, as it is written: "Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law." (Deut.27:26) 11 Clearly no one who relies on the law is justified before God, because "the righteous will live by faith." (Hab.2:4) 12 The law is not based on faith; on the contrary, it says, "The person who does these things will live by them." (Lev.18:5) 13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole." (Deut.21:23) Galatians 3:10-13 RSV
- For no human being will be justified in his sight (GOD) by works of the law, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

  Romans 3:20 RSV

This means one little slip as in one teeny tiny Sin and we stand totally Condemned within GOD'S Law. After each and every one of us was already born of Adam & Eve being accursed as in Spiritually dead.

Jesus Continues directly challenging the Scribes & Pharisee's

Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup> For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:19-20 RSV

Jesus continues by saying that anyone Clergy or no who fails to teach the full requirements of GOD'S Law- again for such as our behavior, worship, and for GOD'S Praise will be ranked very low amongst the Believers in Heaven by having a perceived Spiritual lacking.

This being Believers who are Saved in Christ but for their own convenience of self defined conscious they side step the totality of GOD'S Word.

The point being missed by self defined teachers with one foot in the quicksand of this world and the other upon Christ's solid ground is; when people seek Christ wishing to escape from their past Sin, they do in fact need a house of Prayer fully continuing in GOD'S Holy Word- for His hope, distinction, instruction, & His Holy Redemptive Pure Righteousness.

Nothing short of GOD'S full Glory found in Christ Jesus fulfilling all of GOD'S Law can truly transform, redeem, redefine, & dignify a lost and dying Soul. The vilest of Sin is washed clean by Him. (Jesus)

Not a Church or congregation trying to conform, confirm, or appeal to those within the Sin of this fallen immoral transgressing world.

Those in need of Christ have to escape from their Sin, not having their Sin affirmed and accepted. Tis true of any Christian believer of any Church Age from the Apostles down through to us today.

Jesus knew that far too many well meaning individuals, churches, and even entire denominations could and would dismiss or literally ignore vast sections of GOD'S Law just to conform Jesus into their own version of Christ with Him being of their own beliefs & likeness.

While forgetting omitting or ignoring that:

Jesus <u>IS</u> the fulfillment of GOD'S Word & Law with Him being the only "Way" into Heaven. Being such Christ is reminding everyone that GOD'S Law is in effect today as it was and ever will be in in all of our yesterdays & tomorrows.

Sad to say far to often some teachers may shy away from something uncomfortable being declared controversial for Sinning mankind's sake in order not to offend anyone.

As in anything someone might take as an offense not being Preached or taught.

Question? How then can those seeking to gain a Biblical understanding of a shortcoming find GOD'S Knowledge and Peace of heart and mind if GOD'S full truth in which they seek is being set aside.

It has been said that the proper presentation of the Bible "Will comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable." As in strengthening or inspiring a Spiritual Awakening.

Now as for Jesus saying; "We need to have more Righteousness than (the pious religious elite) of the Pharisees" in order to be able to enter into His Holy Fathers Heaven:

Just remember the Pharisee's knew everything about GOD's Law except for the one most crucial aspect. This being of how one actually gets into Heaven.

The teachers of GOD'S Law in Jesus Time and likewise down through the Church Ages even unto today, some did and still do think as they teach: either by heritage, works & deeds, giving and comforting, or by appearances that they do in fact deserve to go to Heaven. They earned it!

We can never be good enough, nor do enough, or ever be pure enough to stand unsaved before GOD.

Did you notice that aside from Jesus fulfilling and continuing GOD'S Law in His person, that Jesus mentioned He was also the embodiment of the Prophets?

We today as we should be; are very skeptical of anyone claiming to know about any future event.

You Tube, Facebook, and just about any social media platform is replete with such travesty.

So many for fortune or fame have claimed to have prophetic insight or to be able to dream dreams, or see things unseen by others. Such is our Sinful human nature deceptive to our core.

## For example:

Nostradamus within his infamous Quatrains of future events being so generalized and vague that almost any event or person could represent just about anything he ever said.

Or more recently Jean Dixon of the late 20<sup>th</sup> century tabloid supermarket fame. For her predictions you had to pay for preposterous future tips while you went through the supermarket check out line! Or even more common is the useless generalizations of the Astrological Horoscope's or even the common mass produced Chinese fortune cookie! The world is full of such frauds and phonies!!

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are of God; for many false prophets have gone out into the world. 1st John 4:1 RSV

# Why?

Because the only thing Jean Dixon ever got correct was that Enquiring minds do want to know! She knew everyone wants to know what is going to happen to them in this world tomorrow!! Especially today in these chaotic times.

So what is a Prophet?

According to the Classic Websters Bible Dictionary: A prophet is one male or female who foretells a future event by GOD'S inspiration.

Accordingly the Bible itself is a Prophetic collection of Holy Writ Books. Inspired by GOD- transcribed by selected human hands through the Holy Spirit.

First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, <sup>21</sup> because no prophecy ever came by the impulse of man, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 1:20-21 RSV

How do we know?

Because unlike the many other manmade religions of superstition or false prophets only enriching themselves, GOD'S Word contains fulfilled Prophecy after fulfilled Prophecy.

It is estimated that a full 30% of the Bible is Prophetic.

With hundreds of Prophecies exactly dated and fulfilled to the letter.

No other religious manuscript, document, or book yet alone an entire series of collected Books such as the Bible actually is contains within its pages line after line, verse to verse, chapter by chapter the quantity of precise predictions as GOD'S Word the Holy Bible does.

Question? How could anything else but the Bible even dare to attempt Prophecy.

To do this would knowingly only serve to disprove a person, group, or publication as false.

Simply put GOD proves Himself and His Word to be true by the foretelling of future events to come. Do you know what the Biblical standard for Prophecy and a Prophet are? 100 % accuracy. If anyone made a Prophetic claim and it was not 100% accurate the Biblical punishment was death.

Now instead of boring you with line after line of intellectual Biblical reasoning as for Prophecy-Here we are just going to let GOD'S Word prove itself:

The Old Testament contains 425 predicted & exactly fulfilled Prophecies pertaining as to Messiah. The following are only a few of them concerning the Life and Ministry of Jesus as our Christ.

(Prediction in Italic Times New Roman & Fulfillment in Non Italic Calibri)

## GOD WOULD COME TO EARTH BE BORN AS A HUMAN MALE

Isaiah 9:6-7 [6] For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. [7] Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. ... 700 B.C.

Mark 1:1 The beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

John 1:1-3, 14 [1] In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. [2] He was with God in the beginning. [3] Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. [14] The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

#### **BORN OF A VIRGIN**

Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. 700 B.C.

Matthew 1:20-23 [20] But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. [21] She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." [22] All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: [23] "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" --which means, "God with us."

#### FROM THE HOUSE OF JUDAH

Isaiah 37:31 Once more a remnant of the house of Judah will take root below and bear fruit above. 700 B.C.

Matthew 1:1-2, 16 [1] A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son [descendant] of David, the son of Abraham: [2] Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, [16] and [a later] Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.

#### FROM THE ROOT AND STUMP OF JESSE

Isaiah 11:10 In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his place of rest will be glorious. 700 B.C.

Isaiah 11:1-4 [1] A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. [2] The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him-- the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD-- [3] and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; [4] but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. 700 B.C.

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Matthew 1:1-2a, 5-6, 16 [1] A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son of David, the son of Abraham: [2] Abraham was the father of Isaac, ... [5] ... Obed the father of Jesse, [6] and Jesse the father of King David. [16] and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.

#### FROM THE HOUSE OF DAVID

Isaiah 16:5 In love a throne will be established; in faithfulness a man will sit on it--one from the house of David--one who in judging seeks justice and speeds the cause of righteousness. 700 B.C.

Matthew 1:1-2A, 6, 16 [1] A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son of David, the son of Abraham: [2] Abraham was the father of Isaac, ... [6] and Jesse the father of King David. [16] and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.

#### BORN IN BETHLEHEM EPHRATHAH

Micah 5:2 But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times. 700 B.C.

Matthew 2:1 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem.

#### BE FROM NAZARETH OF GALILEE

Isaiah 9:1-2 [1] Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the Gentiles, by the way of the sea, along the Jordan -- [2] The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. 700 B.C.

Matthew 2:22-23 [22] But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, [23] and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets: "He will be called a Nazarene."

Matthew 4:13-16 [13] Leaving Nazareth, he [Jesus] went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali-- [14] to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah: [15] "Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, along the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles -- [16] the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned."

## HIS BIRTH WOULD TRIGGER A MASSACRE OF INFANT BOYS

Jeremiah 31:15 This is what the LORD says: "A voice is heard in Ramah, mourning and great weeping, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because her children are no more." 625 B.C.

Matthew 2:16-18 [16] When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. [17] Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled: [18] "A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more."

#### COME OUT OF EGYPT

Hosea 11:1 When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. 725 B.C.

Matthew 2:14-15 [14] So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, [15] where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son."

## MISSION WOULD INCLUDE THE GENTILES

Isaiah 49:6 he [the Lord] says: "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth." 700 B.C.

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6 [1] "Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him and he will bring justice to the nations. [2] He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. [3] A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; [4] he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his law the islands will put their hope." [6] "I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, 700 B.C.

Matthew 12:14-21 [14] But the Pharisees went out and plotted how they might kill Jesus. [15] Aware of this, Jesus withdrew from that place. Many followed him, and he healed all their sick, [16] warning them not to tell who he was. [17] This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: [18] "Here is my servant whom I have chosen, the one I love, in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations. [19] He will not quarrel or cry out; no one will hear his voice in the streets. [20] A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out, till he leads justice to victory. [21] In his name the nations will put their hope." Note: that in Biblical usage the Gentiles are often referred to as "the nations."

#### MINISTRY WOULD INCLUDE MIRACULOUS HEALINGS

Isaiah 29:18 In that day the deaf will hear the words of the scroll, and out of gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind will see. 700 B.C.

Isaiah 35:5-6a [5] Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. [6a] Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. 700 B.C.

Luke 7:20-22[20] When the men came to Jesus, they said, "John the Baptist sent us to you to ask, "Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?" [21] At that very time Jesus cured many who had diseases, sicknesses and evil spirits, and gave sight to many who were blind. [22] So he replied to the messengers, "Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor."

## MINISTRY WOULD DELIVER SPIRITUAL CAPTIVES

Isaiah 61:1-2 [1] The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, [2] to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, 700 B.C. Continuing  $\rightarrow$ 

Luke 4:16-21 [16] He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. And he stood up to read. [17] The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: [18] "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, [19] to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." [20] Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, [21] and he began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

## DESPISED AND REJECTED BY MEN

Isaiah 53:3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. 700 B.C.

The Crucifixion narratives in all four Gospels show this prophecy fulfilled.

## HATED WITHOUT CAUSE

Psalm 69:4 Those who hate me without reason outnumber the hairs of my head; many are my enemies without cause, those who seek to destroy me. I am forced to restore what I did not steal. 1000 B.C.

Isaiah 49:7 This is what the LORD says-- the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel-- to him who was despised and abhorred by the nation, to the servant of rulers: "Kings will see you and rise up, princes will see and bow down, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you." 700 B.C.

John 7:48-49 "Has any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed in him? [49] No! But this mob that knows nothing of the law--there is a curse on them."

John 15:24-25 [24] If I had not done among them what no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin. But now they have seen these miracles, and yet they have hated both me and my Father. [25] But this is to fulfill what is written in their Law: `They hated me without reason.'

## REJECTED BY RULERS

Psalm 118:22 The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone [cornerstone of a building]; [23] the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. before 400 B.C.

Matthew 21:42 Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:" The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes' John 7:48-49 Has any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed in him? [49] No! But this mob that knows nothing of the law--there is a curse on them.

#### REJECTED BY HIS OWN BROTHERS

Psalms 69:8 I am a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my own mother's sons 1000 B.C. (This answers the Catholic claim that when the Gospels name Jesus' brothers they are talking about His cousins.)

Mark 3:20-21 [20] Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. [21] When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, "He is out of his mind."

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John 7:1-5 [1] After this, Jesus went around in Galilee, purposely staying away from Judea because the Jews there were waiting to take his life. [2] But when the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles was near, [3] Jesus' brothers said to him, "You ought to leave here and go to Judea, so that your disciples may see the miracles you do. [4] No one who wants to become a public figure acts in secret. Since you are doing these things, show yourself to the world." [5] For even his own brothers did not believe in him.

#### BETRAYED FOR 30 PIECES OF SILVER

Zechariah 11:12 I told them, "If you think it best, give me my pay; but if not, keep it." So they paid me thirty pieces of silver. 500 B.C.

Matthew 26:14-15 [14] Then one of the Twelve--the one called Judas Iscariot--went to the chief priests [15] and asked, "What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?" So they counted out for him thirty silver coins.

## SILVER RETURNED & USED TO BUY POTTER'S FIELD

Zechariah 11:12-13 [12] I told them, "If you think it best, give me my pay; but if not, keep it." So they paid me thirty pieces of silver. [13] And the LORD said to me, "Throw it to the potter"--the handsome price at which they priced me! So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them into the house of the LORD to the potter. 500 B.C.

Matthew 27:3-10 [3] When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty silver coins to the chief priests and the elders. [4] "I have sinned," he said, "for I have betrayed innocent blood." "What is that to us?" they replied. "That's your responsibility." [5] So Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself. [6] The chief priests picked up the coins and said, "It is against the law to put this into the treasury, since it is blood money." [7] So they decided to use the money to buy the potter's field as a burial place for foreigners. [8] That is why it has been called the Field of Blood to this day. [9] Then what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled: "They took the thirty silver coins, the price set on him by the people of Israel, [10] and they used them to buy the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me."

## DISCIPLES WOULD SCATTER

Zechariah 13:7 "Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, against the man who is close to me!" declares the LORD Almighty. "Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered, and I will turn my hand against the little ones." 500 B.C.

Matthew 26:31 Then Jesus told them, "This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written: " `I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'

## **BEATEN WITH A ROD**

Micah 5:1 Marshal your troops, O city of troops, for a siege is laid against us. They will strike Israel's ruler on the cheek with a rod. 700 B.C.

Mark 15:19 Again and again they struck him on the head with a staff and spit on him. Falling on their knees, they paid homage to him.

#### GIVEN VINEGAR AND GALL TO DRINK

Psalm 69:21 They put gall in my food and gave me vinegar for my thirst. 1000 B.C.

Matthew 27:34 There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it. Continuing →

Matthew 27:48 Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a stick, and offered it to Jesus to drink.

## HANDS AND FEET NAILED

Psalm 22:16 Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me, they have pierced my hands and my feet. 1000 B.C.

John 20:25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it."

# CRUSHED FOR OUR INIQUITIES

Isaiah 53:5-6 [5] But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. [6] We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. 700 B.C.

Romans 4: 25 He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. 1 Corinthians 15:3 (NAB\*) I handed on to you first of all what I myself received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures.

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Zechariah 12:10 And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son. 500 B.C.

John 19:33-34; 36-37 [33] But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. [34] Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. [36] These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken," [37] and, as another scripture says, "They will look on the one they have pierced."

## NO BONES BROKEN

Psalm 22:17 I can count all my bones; people stare and gloat over me. 1000 B.C.

Psalm 34:20 he protects all his bones, not one of them will be broken. 1000 B.C.

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#### SOLDIERS GAMBLE FOR HIS CLOTHES

Psalm 22:18 They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing. 1000 B.C.

Matthew 27:35 When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

#### **BRUTALLY KILLED**

Isaiah 53:8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken. 700 B.C.

See all four Gospels.

#### ASSIGNED A GRAVE WITH THE WICKED

Isaiah 53:9 He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death 700 B.C.

Crucifixion was normally reserved for criminals and people the Romans wanted to "make an example of". As a crucifixion victim Jesus would have been assigned a grave (if any) with such people.

#### **BURIED IN A RICH MAN'S TOMB**

*Isaiah 53:9 He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death ... 700 B.C.* 

Matthew 27:57,59-60 [57] As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. [59] Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, [60] and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away.

#### THE MESSIAH WOULD RETURN FROM THE DEAD

Isaiah 53:8, 11 [8] By oppression and judgment he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken. (11) After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities. 700 B.C.

Matthew 28:2, 5-7, 9 [2] There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. [5] The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. [6] He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. [7] Then go quickly and tell his disciples: `He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you." [9] Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him.

#### FAMILIAR WITH SUFFERING

Isaiah 53:3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. 700 B.C.

The Crucifixion of Jesus was not an anomaly in how people treated Him:

He was run out of town several times:

Mark 5:14-17 [14] Those tending the pigs ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened. [15] When they came to Jesus, they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. [16] Those who had seen it told the people what had happened to the demonpossessed man--and told about the pigs as well. [17] Then the people began to plead with Jesus to leave their region.

## People tried to stone Him:

John 10:31-33 [31] Again the Jews picked up stones to stone him, [32] but Jesus said to them, "I have shown you many great miracles from the Father. For which of these do you stone me?" [33] "We are not stoning you for any of these," replied the Jews, "but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God."

Jewish leaders conspired to kill Him:

John 7:1 After this, Jesus went around in Galilee, purposely staying away from Judea because the Jews there were waiting to take his life.

Matthew 12:14 But the Pharisees went out and plotted how they might kill Jesus.

His own family thought He was crazy:

Mark 3:20-21 [20] Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. [21] When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, "He is out of his mind."

His brothers told Him to go to a festival, expecting He would be killed:

John 7:1-3, 5 [1] After this, Jesus went around in Galilee, purposely staying away from Judea because the Jews there were waiting to take his life. [2] But when the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles was near, [3] Jesus' brothers said to him, "You ought to leave here and go to Judea, so that your disciples may see the miracles you do." [5] For even his own brothers did not believe in him.

Only by being Deity incarnate into flesh of humanity could anyone determine when & just where they would be born & from whom and what linage His parents; mother & step father would be.

Also by Prophecy was the Life of Christ covered from Virgin Birth unto His sacrificial death with astonishing detail including death by crucifixion which would not even be invented for hundreds of years after the Prophecy was given by a Roman Empire not yet even in existence.

Finally for the record: there is more historical non Biblical evidence remaining for Jesus Christ and His Apostles than for any other person of antiquity. That is a non disputable fact.