

Lesson Plan

Easter Prophecies Fulfilled

While Christians realize that Christ's death on the cross was atonement for our sins many of us do not realize that Christ's death on the cross fulfilled many Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah. His fulfillment of these prophecies proved he was the Messiah promised by the Old Testament prophets. Following is a review of those prophecies:

Scriptural Principles

Jesus Fulfillment of Prophecy

- 1) **Jesus triumphant entry into Jerusalem** – 500 years prior to the event Zechariah prophesized in **Zechariah 9:9** that the messiah would ride into Jerusalem on a colt. In **John 12:12-16** we see that Christ fulfilled this prophecy on Palm Sunday.
- 2) **Jesus would be rejected by his own people** – In **Isaiah 53:1-3** the prophet tells us that the messiah would be despised and rejected by men. In **Matthew 26:3-4** we read how the chief priests and the Pharisees plotted against him.
- 3) **Jesus would be betrayed by a follower.** – **Psalm 41:9** tells us that the messiah would be betrayed by a follower. In **Matthew 26:48-49** we read that Judas betrayed Jesus with a kiss.
- 4) **Jesus would be silent before his accusers** – In **Isaiah 53:7** the prophet Isaiah reveals that the messiah would be silent in the presence of his accusers. In **Matthew 27:12-14** we find that Jesus was silent in the presence of the chief priests and accusers.
- 5) **Jesus would be struck and spit on** – In **Isaiah 50:6** we find that the messiah would be struck and spit on just as Jesus was in **Matthew 26:67**
- 6) **Jesus would die through crucifixion.** – **Psalm 22:14-17** describes the crucifixion that the messiah would endure. **Matthew 27:31** describes Jesus' crucifixion.
- 7) **Jesus was to suffer with criminals.** – **Isaiah 53:12** tells us that the messiah would suffer alongside criminals. In **Matthew 27:38** we find that Jesus was crucified along side of two criminals.
- 8) **Jesus death was a sacrifice for sin.** – In **Isaiah 53:5-12** the prophet tells us that the messiah would die for our sins. In **John 1:29** John refers to Jesus as the lamb of God that will take away the sin of the world.
- 9) **Jesus would rise from the dead.** – In **Psalm 16:10-11** David tells us that the messiah will dwell in the presence of the Lord. In **Matthew 28:1-10** the angel tells both Mary's that Jesus has risen from the grave.

This fulfillment of Old Testament Prophecy leaves no doubt that Jesus is the Messiah as prophesized in the Old Testament.