

Jesus Foretells His Death & Resurrection

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[0 : 00] Let us worship God, we shall sing to his praise from Psalm 22. Psalm 22, and reading from verse 5.

When unto thee they sent their cry, to them deliverance came, because they put their trust in thee, they were not put to shame.

But as for me a worm I am, and as no man am prized, reproach of men I am, and by the people am despised.

All that me see, laugh me to scorn, shoot out the lip, do they? They nod and shake their heads at me, and mocking, thus do say, this man did trust in God, that he would free him by his might.

Let him deliver him, saith he, had in him such delight. But thou art he, out of the womb that didst me safely take, when I was on my mother's breasts, thou me to hope didst make.

[1 : 21] But I was cast upon thy care, even from the womb till now, and from my mother's belly, Lord, my God and guide art thou. We shall sing these verses, 5 to 10.

Psalm 22, when unto thee they sent their cry, to them deliverance came. When unto thee they sent their cry, to them deliverance came.

Because they put their trust in thee, they were not good to cheer.

But just for me, I will be my hand, and that stone and unprice, we close on them I am, and that stone and build abed the people and are in this camp.

All that peace be loved, means to host a world through them, which are kind of proud of their ground, In all that children's heads and feet, And all gave us to save.

[3 : 17] This man did trust in God's light, For free and by his mind, Let him declare thy hands heavy, At in then such delight.

But thou art in the end of the womb, That is me, shamed me, shamed me, When I was on my mother's dress, The bitter hopeless way.

And I once cast upon thy caring From the womb till earth, And all my blood, Very Lord, my God, And guide our hands.

Let us join together in prayer. Let us pray. O Lord our God, As we continue in your presence, We pray that we would be aware of the fact that you are God indeed, And that there is no God like unto thee.

That you are the God and Father of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. That you are the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

[5 : 30] That you are the eternal God, The one who is the Ancient of Days, Who inhabits eternity, Who knows not a beginning nor an end.

Grant to us a sense of reality, These truths that we may indeed bow the knee before you, And offer the worship that we have been created to worship.

Even though we confess that we do not come as we should. That we do not come as often as we should. That we do not come as we should, Even with regard to laying claim to the Christ of the gospel as the way of access.

Sometimes our thoughts are so taken up with our need and ourselves, Whose needs they are. That we have no true concept of the fact that we should come, Laying claim to what another has wrought on our behalf.

Because he is most surely the way of access, Open to sinners. And we give thanks that, That is because of what he is, Not what we are.

[6 : 56] What he did and not what we do. And that the efficacy of that sacrifice for sin, Is such that it requires no repetition.

He came into this world, To seek and to save the lost. And that the will of his heavenly father.

A will in which he delighted. A path that he closed in with. In perfect obedience. With no reluctance on his part.

Even at the hour of death. When he had to close in with the awful reality of what it meant to face the displeasure of a holy God upon a sinful people.

This cry there is described as the cry of dereliction. My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

[8 : 13] And yet, at the same time, he said, Not my will, but I will be done. We give thanks that, That it is by virtue of his perfect obedience.

That you are willing to receive all who come to you by, By way of him. And we pray for all who are his this day. Whatever they are throughout the world.

Thankful that there are a people who bear his name. To the far corners of the earth. In every continent. In every city. In every town. In every village.

In every village. We know that there are those who may bear his name. And if there are none. There may be that there are places that.

That is said of them that the dust. Has been shaken off their faces. Of the soles of their feet. Of those who came to them with the gospel.

[9 : 15] Because they despise the gospel. As they despise the Christ of the gospel. And yet, in your mercy, you still sent someone to them.

With that knowledge. That that would be so. So that the claim could not be made. That you overlooked them. Or turned your back upon them.

Without any sense of. Right being at the heart of what is done. No man. No woman.

No child can appear at the day of judgment. Before their God. And claim. That the open. Offer of salvation was not before them.

We give thanks that. You call sinners to you. You speak to us through the. The ambassadors that you have appointed. Even these ambassadors that say.

[10 : 14] That there is a God in heaven. The sun. The moon. The moon. The stars. They say. There is a. Hand. Behind all. That is there to survey.

The earth beneath our feet. The oceans. That we survey. The rivers. That flood into the sea. All the beauty of nature.

Compels us to believe. That there is one. That there is one. Who. Who is the divine. Author of all things. We acknowledge that. And we pray that.

It would speak even more loudly to us. And that we may bless your name for. All that we enjoy of this world's good gifts. So remember.

As this day. Bears your name. That reminds us. Not only of the work of a creator. But the work of a saviour. Who came into the world.

[11 : 11] And having accomplished. The work of redemption. He took his rest. And we give thanks. That. He is at your right hand. And there he will remain.

Until the day appointed. For him to come. And bring to himself. Those that are his. We remember this world. In which we live. And we pray for it.

Especially. In light of the gospel. That is sent to it. To proclaim Christ. To needy sinners. May the word be blessed.

Even as it goes out this day. May your servants. Who proclaim Christ. Be encouraged. May the word that is spoken. Be considered truth.

And. May realization. Accompanied. That it is the truth. That sets us free. We pray that you would remember. Every part of the world.

[12 : 06] And especially those. At this time. Who are in desperate need. Of your intervention. In mercy. We pray for the needy. Those who hunger.

Those who thirst. Those who cry out. For peace. When there is none. There in war torn. War torn. Rylums. Of the world. Where.

Such evil is wrought. We pray Lord. That you would magnify. Your grace. Even in. Bringing peace. Into such theaters. Into such theaters of war. Remember the world.

At this time of pandemic. And we pray for. Remedies. For. To be found. For this illness. That is. Ravaging the planet. Remember our own nation.

As we see. Once again. The threat of. Lockdown. And the threat of. Freedoms. Being curtailed.

[13 : 03] You are wise. We clearly are not. We are foolish. In the extreme. And we believe. That everything. Depends on what we do.

And the truth is. That you are the one. Who is sovereign. And we. We owe our life to you. And we owe. Our health to you. We owe our salvation to you.

May the eyes of our understanding. Be open to that end. We pray that you would bless. The governments of the land. Be it in. Holyrood or.

Westminster. We pray that you would bless. The Queen. Whose government. It is. We pray Lord. That you would remember. Every. Servant who is called to serve.

May they remember. That they are there to serve. Not their own ends. But to serve. Ultimately you. The God. Who will. Require them.

[14 : 04] And us. To answer to you. For all we do. Remember each one. That we leave in your care. Those who are unwell. Pray for their recovery.

Those confined to hospital beds. We pray that you would. Guide the hands of surgeons. And. All manner of carers. Remember the bereaved.

Voice of death. We. Have heard this week already. And even into this new week. We see. How. The world was on.

And. Your voice is heard. Speaking. Loudly. To us. Reminding us. That here. We have no continuing city. We are sojourners.

Pilgrims. On the scene of time. So. Bless your word to us. Now as we read it. Blessed. To. Each one of us. According to need.

[15 : 00] Be it. Great or small. Temporal or spiritual. May we read with understanding. And may the understanding. That we have. Be from yourself. Directing us to.

Submit to your will for us. Cleanse us we pray. In Christ the Redeemer's name. We ask it. Amen. We are going to hear the word of God. As we have it in the New Testament.

Scriptures. We are reading from the gospel of Jesus Christ. According to Mark. And we are going to read from. Verse 7. Chapter 10.

And verse 17. I am reading down to. Verse 45. Mark chapter 10. Verse 17.

Verse 17. And when he was gone forth. Into the way. There came one running and kneeled to him. And asked him. Good master.

[15 : 56] What shall I do. That I may inherit eternal life. And Jesus said unto him. Why callest thou me good? There is none good but one. That is God.

Thou knowest the commandments. Do not commit adultery. Do not kill. Do not steal. Do not bear false witness. Defraud not.

Honor thy father and mother. And he answered and said unto him. Master. All these have I observed from my youth. Then Jesus beholding him. Loved him.

And said unto one thing thou lackest. Go thy way. Sell whatsoever thou hast. And give to the poor. And thou shalt have treasure in heaven.

And come take up the cross. And follow me. And he was sad at that saying. And went away grieved. For he had great possessions. And Jesus looked around above.

[16 : 56] And said to his disciples. How hardly shall they that have riches. Enter into the kingdom of God. And the disciples were astonished at his words.

But Jesus answereth again. And saith unto them. Children how hard is it for them that trust in riches. To enter into the kingdom of God. It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle.

Than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. And they were astonished out of measure. Saying among themselves. Who then can be saved? And Jesus looking upon them saith.

With men it is impossible. But not with God. For with God all things are possible. Then Peter began to say unto him.

Lo we have left all and have followed thee. Jesus answered and said. Verily I say unto you. There is no man that hath left house or brethren or sisters or father.

[17 : 56] Or mother or wife or children or lands for my sake and the gospels. But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time. Houses and brethren and sisters and mothers and children and lands.

With persecutions. In the world to come. Eternal life. But many that are first shall be last and the last first. Jesus again foretells his death.

And they were in the way going up to Jerusalem. And Jesus went before them. And they were amazed. And as they followed they were afraid. And he took again the twelve and began to tell them.

What things should happen unto him. Saying behold we go up to Jerusalem. And the son of man shall be delivered unto the chief priests. And unto the scribes.

And they shall condemn him to death. And shall deliver him to the Gentiles. And they shall mock him. And shall scourge him. And shall spit upon him.

[19 : 02] And shall kill him. And the third day he shall rise again. And James and John the sons of Zebedee came unto him. Saying master we would that thou shouldest do for us.

Whatever whatsoever we shall desire. And he said unto them what would ye that I should do for you. He said unto him grant unto us that we may sit.

One on thy right hand. And the other on thy left hand. In glory. In thy glory. But Jesus said unto them. Ye know not what ye ask.

Can ye drink of the cup that I drink of. And be baptised with the baptism that I am baptised with. And he said unto him. We can. And Jesus said unto them.

Ye shall indeed drink of the cup that I drink of. And with the baptism that I am baptised with all. Shall ye be baptised. But to sit on my right hand.

[20 : 02] And on my left hand is not mine to give. But it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared. And when the ten heard it they began to be much displeased.

With James and John. But Jesus called them to him. And said unto them. Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles.

Exercise lordship over them. And their great ones exercise authority upon them. And so on.

May the Lord add his blessing to this reading. Of his word unto his name be the praise. In this section that we are going to look at.

Verse 32 to 34. There is a title given to it. Jesus again foretells his death. And they were in the way.

[21 : 24] Going up to Jerusalem. Jesus went before them. And they were amazed as they followed. They were afraid. And he took again the twelve.

And began to tell them. What things should happen. And to him. And so on. The apostle Paul wrote his epistle to Timothy.

He wrote these words. And without controversy. Great is the mystery of godliness. God was manifest in the flesh.

Justified in the spirit. Seen of angels. Preached unto the Gentiles. Believed on in the world. Received up into glory.

Paul can be ascertained from the words. As they appear in their context. At times speaks of the gospel of Jesus Christ. As a great mystery.

[22 : 29] A mystery in the sense that. The truth of which it speaks. Is hidden until revealed. As the theologian B.B. Warfield has it.

Whatever is known. By revelation. Rather than by unaided reason. Is in Paul's usage. A mystery. I want to begin there.

Because in the passage. Before us. Is an account of Jesus. Jesus. Accompanied by the disciples. Making their way up to Jerusalem. The disciples.

We are told. Are both amazed. And afraid. And why is that? Well they know that. By going up to Jerusalem. Jesus was exposing himself.

To danger. As far as they were concerned. Unnecessary danger. But Jesus was going to do. What he was in the world to do.

[23 : 30] And the disciples. Did not really understand. In chapter 8. Of this gospel. In verse.

31. We read there. Jesus. Jesus began to teach them. That the son of man. Must suffer many things.

And be rejected. Of the elders. And of the chief priests. And scribes. And be killed. And after three days. Rise again. And he spake. That saying.

Openly. But Peter. Took him. And began to rebuke him. In the next chapter. Chapter 9.

We again find. The same truth. He taught his disciples. And said unto them. The son of man. Is delivered. Into the hands of men. And they shall kill him.

- [24 : 28] And after that he is killed. He shall rise. The third day. But they understood not. That saying. And were afraid. To ask him.
- So we find. That despite. Painstakingly. Teaching. The disciples. What awaited him. Was. What he was destined for. They did not want it for him. Or indeed. They did not want. What by implication. Would accompany.
- Their own. Interest in Christ. The first question. For them. Would have been. How. Did he know. That this was.
- What awaited him. How. Could he know. Now. Despite their knowledge. Of Christ. Gained. By being in his company. Constantly. Since he called them.
- [25 : 22] To discipleship. They. Saw. For example. How he behaved. They knew. His godliness. They knew him. To be a man. Of prayer.
- A man. At times. Endowed. With great gifts. Of healing. And other miracles. Looking at Jesus. Through. Their eyes. What they saw. Was. The man.
- Christ Jesus. And on the occasions. When they saw. More than a mere man. It required. Supernatural intervention. For example.
- We have the occasion. When the disciples. Were fishing. All night. And they caught nothing. The man. And Jesus. Jesus. Comes. Alongside them.
- And he tells them. Launch out. Into the deep. And let down your nets. And. Clearly. There would be. An initial reluctance. On their part.
- [26 : 17] But they. Obeyed. And they caught so many. That the net broke. And they had to solicit. The help of others. The immediate effect.
- On Peter. Was for him to. Say. Falling down. On his knees. Depart from me. For I am a sinful man. O Lord. Notwithstanding.
- That this experience. Of Jesus. His power. Came at the outset. Of his ministry. It is plain. That their view. Of him. Remained cloudy. Even after his resurrection.
- The Christ. Had died. Thomas. Defiantly. Said. Except I shall see. In his hands. The print of the nails. And put my finger. Into the print of the nails.
- And thrust my hand. Into his side. I will not believe. And I think that involves. More than just. Belief. In the resurrection. But belief.
- [27 : 13] In all. That Christ. Was. When Jesus. Appears to him. In passion. We have the confession.
- My Lord. And my God. We may wonder. At these extremes. But what we have to remember is. That the Christ they saw. Was the man. Christ Jesus.
- Donald MacLeod. Principal Emeritus. Writes. If you had seen him. As Paul says. He would not have. Turned any heads. There was no halo. There was no shining face.
- The late Professor. Fullnessen. There are no human traits. Lacking. In the picture. That is drawn of him. In the Gospels. He had the mind.
- Of a man. The heart. Of a man. The spirit. Of a man. Physically. Not distinguishable. From other men. Mentally.
- [28 : 10] Gaining knowledge. As other men. Gain it. Morally subject. To temptation. Spiritually. In need of communion. With a heavenly father. He was.
- As the. Older theologians. Say. He was very man. As humanity. Was there. For all to see. And. It was what they saw.
- More than they saw. Anything else. And yet the scripture. Requires. That we. Put alongside that. The fact that Jesus. Is also the son of God.

The apostle John. In the opening verses. Of his gospel. Describes. Or ascribes. Rather. Divinity. To him. He is. God's equal.

He is the creator. As God was created. He is eternal. As God is eternal. We know that Christ himself. Spoke often. Regarding the divine consciousness.

[29 : 07] That was his. Referring to himself. As the son of man. No fewer. Than 78 times. According to those. To analyze the text. Of scripture. A clear.

Messianic understanding. Before Abraham was. I am. He says. Again. A historical. Impossibility. But a theological.

Declaration. Of antiquity. And deity. He was before Abraham. As eternal. Father. And I am. As the divine name.

Again. In the gospel of John. We read these words. Othered by Jesus. At the feast of tabernacles. Words that. Again.

Remind us. Of his own. Awareness. Of. Who he was. And what he was about. He both know me. He says. And he know. Whence I am.

[30 : 04] And I am not. Come of myself. But he that sent me. Is true. Whom. Ye know not. But I know him. For I am from him.

And he hath sent me. Yet a little while. Am I with you. And then I go. And to him. That sent me. In that same gospel.

We have the words. Father. I will. That they also. Whom thou hast given me. Be with me. Where I am. That they may behold. My glory. Which thou hast given me. For thou lovedst me.

Before the foundation. Of the world. Jesus is not embarrassed. Or ashamed. To declare who he is. But his mission. His ministry.

Is focused. That's why some. Who speak. Of the passage. Before us. Suggest. That the disciples. Sense the urgency. That is in the Lord's steps.

[31 : 00] He is going to Jerusalem. To meet the appointed hour. Which is all the more surprising. Given all that he says about it. They sense the urgency.

But they do not really understand. The significance of it. Let us look at what he says about it. I don't want to look at it so much.

At the detail. But the detail helps us to understand. The clarity with which the Lord Jesus saw. What was in store for him.

If you read these words again. In Mark's gospel. Behold. Behold. Behold. We go up to Jerusalem. And the son of man shall be delivered unto the chief priests.

And unto the scribes. And they shall condemn him to death. And shall deliver him to the Gentiles. And they shall mock him. And shall scourge him. And shall spit upon him.

[32 : 01] And shall kill him. And the third day. Shall rise again. There's a perfect clarity in his own mind.

A detailed awareness of what lies in store. Jesus knew better than most what the scripture said about him. And in particular what it said about his death.

This is important. It's important to the church for example. Paul writes. Christ dying on the cross for the sins of his people.

In fact many theologians suggest that the words of the apostle in this place. Brings to us the sum of the gospel message. Jesus Christ is his passion and office.

And him crucified his work. Jesus knows this better than Paul. Even though Paul wrote after the fact. He knew that he would be betrayed.

[33 : 17] He knew that he would be unjustly tried. He knew that he would be condemned. After being falsely accused. He knew that those responsible for his execution would be the Roman authorities.

Even as he knows the extent of the derision and contempt with which he would be treated. The scripture said as much. The psalm that we heard sung at the beginning of the service.

Psalms 22. Psalm 40. Psalm 69. Psalm 118. Psalm. The prophecy of Isaiah. Isaiah 53. Isaiah 53.

And Zechariah 12 and 13. Currentless passages from the Old Testament. That speak in great detail. Prophetically. About the sufferings of the Messiah.

The Prince. But Jesus also possessed the ability to foresee the future. And predict the extent of his suffering. I am come. He says as the good shepherd.

[34 : 16] To lay down my life for the sheep. Therefore he says. Does my father love me. Because I lay down my life. That I might take it up again. No man taketh it from me.

But I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down. And I have power to take it again. Do we not have this here in the passage before us?

Behold. Jesus says. We go up to Jerusalem. I am doing this. No one makes me do it. Yes others will ostensibly take charge.

One will betray. Others will judge. Others will provide false testimony. Condemn and execute. But as Jesus says to Pilate. In response to his post.

Do you not know that I have power to crucify you. And have power to release you. Jesus' answer. Is. You could have no power at all against me. Except it be given.

[35 : 18] The from above. The disciples are forced. Are forced to. Consider the words of Jesus. Much against. Their appetite. For what they say.

They may not. Understand. What they are faced. They are faced with. A mystery. But Christ is able. To reveal the fullness. Of the truth. That is spoken of here.

That is the gospel. We go up to Jerusalem. And then. The third day. He shall rise again. Almost as a by the way.

The awful reality. The awful reality. Of the sufferings of Christ. Are recounted. But death is not the end. Some of the commentators. Treat these words.

As if. At this point. They are not important. The words that we have there. On the third day. He shall rise again.

[36 : 16] As if. These words are. Insignificant. But they have the same. Significant. Same significance. As every other part. Of. The experience. That he recounts.

That lies before him. But maybe. They say. Because of. Men's inability. To understand that. There's a reluctance.

To speak about. But that is the way it is. With much of the truth. Until it is revealed. By the spirit of God. There will be a lack. Of understanding.

Do you remember the miracle. Of the raising of Lazarus. Both Mary and Martha. Laid what seems to be a charge. At the feet of Jesus. Lord if you had been here.

My brother had not died. But to Martha he says. Your brother will rise again. To this she replies. I know that he shall rise again. In the resurrection.

[37 : 13] What she understood. By that is not told. But her confession. Is followed by the words. Lord I believe. That you are the Christ. The son of God.

Which should come into the world. The clarity. With which she saw him. May be in question. But her faith. Should not. The disciples.

Did not understand. The doctrine. The doctrine. That Jesus taught. Just like the two. Who are on the road. To Emmaus. They were slow. Of heart. To believe. Circumstances.

Change. Perception. But the real change. Must come. By way of God's grace. Jesus knew. That he would rise again. Perhaps they believed.

What he said. Without understanding how. Some of you think. You must understand everything. In order for your faith. In Christ. To be real. The resurrection. Is a mystery.

[38 : 09] Yesterday. I stood at an open grave. I witnessed. To the earthly remains. Of a loved one. Being placed. In the dust. Beside that grave. Was another. And the occupant.

Had been placed there. Around a hundred years. Before. In 1916. A hundred years. And the dust. Remains dust. But we are promised.

That just as Christ. Rose from the dead. Those in Christ. Will rise. From their graves. At the sound. Of the last trump. To be with him. Forever. The same Christ.

Who said to Martha. I am the resurrection. And the life. He that believeth in me. Though he were dead. Yet shall he live. How awesome. A thought that is. But nevertheless.

True. Will it be true of you. Put yourself in the shoes. Of the disciples. The disciples. Who. Were told. By the Lord. Again.

[39 : 04] And again. And again. That he was going to be. Someone who would. Suffer. He be delivered into the.

Hands of the scribes. And the chief priests. And that. They would condemn him to death. And deliver him to the Gentiles. Where he would be mocked.

And scourged. Spat upon. Eventually. They would kill him. The disciples. No doubt. Found that difficult to believe.

No doubt they did. They found. The resurrection. From the dead. Equally difficult to believe. Following on. From the experience.

Of that cross. And the resurrection. That came after. And their eyes being open. To the glory. Of the Christ. Who was risen.

[40 : 01] They believed. With all their hearts. Today. You are able to look back. And look. Through the eyes of the disciples. At the scripture that says.

Christ died. For our sins. According to the gospel. He has risen. He has gone to glory. There he. Will be.

Until the day. Appointed. Where he will come again. Do you believe that? Do you. Believe that. With the. Heart of faith. Well if you do.

You can be assured. That when he comes. That you will. Be with him. If not then. In the glory that. He has prepared for his people.

Let us pray. Lord help us to believe. The truth. From matter. How. Difficult it may seem. To us. That such a truth. Is.

[40 : 58] The truth of God. Glend to us. The faith that is. God given. That we may rest. And receive Christ. For the salvation. Of our souls.

Hear. Our prayers. And petitions. On behalf of. Those we know. And love in the world. And especially. Especially any. Who may be unbelieving. That they may come. To this place. Where they will trust.

In Christ. To the saving of their soul. And your mercy. And grant your. Blessing on your word. And now may grace. Mercy and peace.

From God. The father. The son. And the holy spirit. Be with you all. Now and always. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

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