

The Resurrection Foretold and Fulfilled

Isaiah 53, 1 Peter 1:3

It's Easter Sunday 2025 and the resurrection is the very reason that we gather here week in and week out. 700 years before Christ, the cross was predicted. Isaiah was very clear about God's plan of redemption through the Messiah. If we really believe that Jesus was predicted in the Old Testament and fulfilled in the New Testament, it must change everything in our head, our heart, and flow out through our hands. We can no longer be complacent about our faith. People's eternal state hangs upon our faithfulness and obedience to the gospel message!

I. The Prediction of Our Savior's Rejection (Isaiah 53:1-12) Fulfillment (John 12:37-38)

"Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, 38 so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Lord, who has believed what he heard from us, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?" Luke 23:18-25 shares how the crowd choose the life of Barabbas to be spared over Jesus. Took on our sin

a. Our Savior's Response (Isaiah 53:4-8) Fulfillment (John 10:11) *"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."*

- We deserve the punishment for our sins, yet Jesus paid it.

- He was innocent of sin, yet bore our sin.

- He was willing, are we willing to live for Him? (v.7) Why do you think he was willing? Because of His love for us! John 10:17-18 *"For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."*

He suffered in our place; His wounds heal us!

- Crucifixion caused suffocation. The entire weight of Jesus' body hanging by His wrists, He could not properly exhale. Those hours on the cross, every single breath Jesus takes is literally excruciating. Jesus endured the worst type of execution imaginable to human existence. Physicians have even stated that medically when the heart explodes like when Christ was on the cross that water pours out and it is like wax. Listen to this prediction of the cross in Psalm 22:14 ***"I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;"***

Why did Jesus respond this way to our sin? Because He loves you! John 3:16 *"For God so loves the world..."*

b. The Rich Man's Resources (Isaiah 53:9) Fulfillment (John 19:38-42) *"After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. 39 Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. 40 So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. 41 Now in*

the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. 42 So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.”

c. God’s Requirement (Isaiah 53:10-11) Fulfillment (Romans 3:23-25) *“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.”*

d. Our Redemption (Isaiah 53:12) Fulfillment (Luke 22:37) *“For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me: ‘And he was numbered with the transgressors.’ For what is written about me has its fulfillment.”* In this passage we see the promise of the resurrection for all believers, the promise of eternal life. We also see the promise that Jesus will be known as the King of all of creation. Philippians 2:9-10 clearly states, *“Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth.”*

II. We Praise Christ As a Result of His Resurrection (1 Peter 1:3)

We see Peter’s explanation of the resurrection of Christ in 1 Peter 1:3 ***“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,”***

- a. **Our Redemption is a Result of His Resurrection.** (1 Peter 1:3) Peter was an eyewitness too!
- b. **The Resurrection is a great Reminder that Jesus can be Trusted.** (Luke 24:1-6) *“But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. 2 And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. 5 And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? 6 He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee,”*
- c. **The Resurrection is Our Reason for Rejoicing.** (Matthew 28:6-9) *“He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” 8 So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9 And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him.”*