

Prophecies of Jesus Christ in the Old Testament

Introduction: Perhaps the area of prophecy which is the most incredible are those prophecies which concern our Lord Jesus Christ. Being that the focal point of the entire Bible, from Genesis to Revelation is His death on the cross as the basis for our forgiveness, and his resurrection and ascension confirm God's acceptance of our Lord dying for our sins, we should expect that a great deal of prophecy should deal with Him. This prophecy is quite difficult to discredit because much of it comes from Isaiah, who wrote eight centuries prior to the first advent of Jesus Christ. Some critics might claim that Isaiah wrote after the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ, but Isaiah was translated into the Greek as a part of the rest of the Old Testament (along with all the other Old Testament prophecies concerning Jesus Christ) a century before the birth of our Lord in one of the most well-established translations (in fact, this translation is the very first translation of a book from one language to another): The Hebrew Old Testament was translated into Greek, and this translation is known today as the Septuagint because there were approximately seventy translators who worked on this translation.

[Jesus said] **"Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill."** (Matt. 5:17) **And He [Jesus] came to Nazareth where He had been brought up; and, as was His habit, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and stood up to read. And the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. And He opened the scroll and found the place where it was written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind. To set free those who are downtrodden, to proclaim the favorable Year of the Lord."** **And he closed the book and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed upon Him. And He began to say to them, "Today, this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."** (Luke 4:17-21)

The Necessity of a Sacrifice of the Innocent on Behalf of the Guilty

And Yahweh God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife, and clothed them. (Gen. 3:21)

Cain brought an offering to the Lord of the fruit of the ground. Abel...brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And Yahweh had regard for Abel and for his offering; but for Cain and for his offering, He had no regard. (Gen. 4:3b-5a)

God tested Abraham and said to him, "Take now your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah; and offer him there as a burnt offering." (Gen. 22:1b-2a)

Now Yahweh said to Moses, "On the tenth of this month they are each one to take a lamb for themselves, according to their fathers' households, a lamb for each household...Your lamb shall be an unblemished male a year old...and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month, then, the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel is to kill it at twilight. Moreover, they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses in which they eat it...[this] is the Lord's Passover." (Ex. 12:1a,3,5a,6-7,11b)

And He [Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed and after three days, rise again. And he was stating the matter plainly. Then Peter took him aside and "God forbid it, Lord! This shall never happen to you!" But turning around and seeing His disciples, He rebuked Peter, and said, "Get behind me, Satan; for you are not setting your mind on God's interests but man's." (Mark 8:31-32a Matt. 16:23 Mark 8:33) But into [the Holy of Holies]...the high priest enters, once a year, with blood, which he offers for himself and for the sins of the people...which is a symbol for the present time. Accordingly, both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make the worshipper perfect in conscience...but when Christ appeared as a High Priest of the good things to come, He in the greater and more perfect tabernacle [His resurrection body], not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption...[who] offered Himself without blemish to God. (Heb. 9:7b,9,11-12,14b)

The Incarnation

Our Lord's Forerunner:

"Behold, I am going to send My messenger and he will clear the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight, behold, He is coming." says the Lord. of the armies. (Mal. 3:1)

A voice of one calling out, "Clear the way for the Lord in the wilderness; make smooth in the desert a highway for our God." (Isa. 40:3)

And [John the Baptist's] father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying, "And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare His Ways." (Luke 1:67,76)

Now, in those days, John the Baptist came, proclaiming in the wilderness of Judea, saying "Change your mind, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." For this is the one referred to by Isaiah the prophet, saying, "The voice of the one crying in the wilderness. Make ready the way of the Lord; make His paths straight." (Matt. 3:1-3)

Born the seed of a woman; born of a virgin:

And the Lord God said to the serpent, "...And I shall place hostility between you and the woman; and between your seed and her seed." (Gen. 3:14a,15a)

Then the Lord said to Isaiah, "...Therefore, the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son and she will call His name Immanuel." (Isa. 7:3a,14)

Place of birth:

[Yahweh is speaking]: "But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His appearances are from long ago from the days of eternity [past]." (Micah 5:2)

And gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he [Herod] began to inquire of them where the Christ [Messiah] was to be born. And they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, so it has been written by the prophet." (Matt. 2:4–5) I include this NT quote here to show that is how the experts in the Scripture interpreted Mic. 5:2.

His lineage:

[The Angel of the Lord or God is speaking to Abraham] "And in your descent all the nations of the earth shall be blessed...through Isaac, your descendant shall be called." (Gen. 22:18a 21:12b)

[God is causing Balaam to prophesy] "A star shall come forth from Jacob, and a scepter shall rise from Israel" (Num. 24:17b)

[Jacob is prophesying] "The scepter shall not depart from Judah nor the ruler's staff from between his feet until He comes to whom it belongs" (Gen. 49:10)

Then a shoot will spring from the stump of Jesse and a branch from his roots will bear fruit and the Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him. (Isa. 11:1–2a)

"Behold, the days are coming," declares the Lord, "When I shall raise up for David a righteous Branch and He will reign as king and act wisely and do justice and righteousness in the land...He will be called the Lord our righteousness." (Jer. 23:5,6b)

His Pre-existence:

[God is speaking, as is implied by Isa. 48:3–4] "Listen to me, O Jacob, even Israel, my called one: I am He; I am the first. I am also the last. Surely My hand founded the earth and My right hand spread out the heavens...come near to me and listen to this: From the first I have not spoken in secret, from the time it took place, I was there. And now the Lord God has sent Me and His Spirit." (Isa. 48:12–13a,16)

"I say, O God, "Of old You did found the earth and the heavens are the work of Your hands." (Psalm 102:24a,25)

The names of Jesus Christ:

Now the birth of Jesus Christ occurred as follows: When His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by means of the Holy Spirit and Joseph, her husband, being a righteous man and not wanting to disgrace her, desired to put her away secretly, but while he had been considering this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for that which has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit...and Joseph arose from his sleep and did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him, and took her as his wife and kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son; and he called His name Jesus. (Matt. 1:18–20,24–25)

And Joseph went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, in order to register, along with Mary, who was engaged to him, and was with child. And it came about, while they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths and laid Him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn. (Luke 2:4–7)

And when He began His ministry, Jesus Himself was about thirty years of age, thought of as being the Son of Joseph...the son of David, the son of Jesse...the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham. (Luke 3:23a,31b–32a,34a).

In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being by means of Him and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being...and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. (John 1:1–3,12a)

And He [Jesus Christ] is before all things and in Him all things exist. (Col. 1:17)

And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as a dead man. And He laid His right hand upon me, saying, "Do not be afraid, I am the first and the last, and the living One; and I was dead and behold, I am alive forevermore." (Rev. 1:17–18a)

And, behold, a voice out of the heavens, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased." (Matt. 3:17)

The Lord...will speak to them: "I will tell of the decree of the Lord: He said to Me, 'You are *My Son*, today I have begotten You.'" (Psalm 102:5b,5a,7)

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your *king* is coming to you. He is just and endowed with salvation. (Zech. 9:9a)

"Behold," says the Lord, "I shall raise up for David a *righteous Branch*, and He will reign as *king* and act wisely and...His name will be...the *Lord. our righteousness*." (Jer. 23:5a,5c,6b,d) The righteous *branch* can also be translated the righteous *root-shoot*.

"A *star* shall come forth from Jacob." (Num. 24:17c)
The Lord says to my *Lord*, "Sit at My right hand until I make Your enemies a footstool for your feet." (Psalm 110:1)

"Behold, a virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name *Immanuel*." (Isa. 7:14b) Immanuel means "God with us." The use of the word *name* in Hebrew can also refer to reputation or function.

For a child will be born to us, a son will be given us...and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father [the Author of Eternity], Prince of Peace. (Isa. 9:6)

And Simon Peter answered and said, You are the Christ, the *Son of the Living God*." (Matt. 16:16)

And they all said, "Are You the *Son of God* then?" And He [Jesus] said to them, "Yes, I am." (Luke 22:70)

Nathanael answered Him, "Rabbi, You are the *Son of God*; You are the *King of Israel*." (John 1:49)

Pilate therefore said to Him, "So You are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say [correctly] that I am a king." (John 18:27a)

"I, Jesus,...am the *root* and the offspring of *David*, the bright and morning star." (Rev. 22:16a,c) See also Rom. 15:12

"For today in the city of David there has been born for you a *Savior*, who is *Christ the Lord*." (Luke 2:11)

And He [Jesus] said to them, "How is it they said *the Christ is David's Son*? For David himself says in the book of Psalms, 'The Lord said to My Lord, "Sit at My right hand..."' (Luke 20:41-42)

Now all this took place that what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet might be fulfilled, saying, "Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a Son and they shall call His name Immanuel," which, translated means, "God with us." (Matt. 1:22-23)

In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was *God*...and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. (John 1:1,14a)

Our Lord's Ministry on Earth

Filled with the Holy Spirit:

And the Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him. The spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and strength. (Isa. 11:2a)

[God is speaking] "Behold, My Servant, whom I will uphold: My Chosen One in whom My soul delights. I have put My Spirit upon Him." (Isa. 42:1a)

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, because the Lord has anointed Me... (Isa. 61:1a)

The signs of His ministry:

Then the eyes of the blind will be opened and the ears of the deaf will be unstopped then the lame will leap like a deer and the tongue of the dumb will shout for joy. (Isa. 35:4-5a)

His teaching:

I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings of old which we have heard and known and our fathers have told us. (Psalm 78:2-3a)

Jesus will suddenly enter the temple:

"Behold, I am going to send My messenger [reference to John the Baptizer] and he will clear the way before Me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to His temple." (Mic. 3:1a)

He saw the heavens opening parted and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon Him [Jesus]. (Mark 1:10b)

And He [Jesus Christ] opened the book of Isaiah] and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me." and He closed the book...and all the eyes of the synagogue were upon Him, and he began to say, "Today, this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." (Luke 4:17b-18a,20b-21a)

John [the baptizer]...by his disciples...said to Him, "Are You the Coming One or shall we look for someone else?" And Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and report to John the things which you hear and see: the blind receive sight and the lame walk and the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear and the dead are raised up." (Matt. 11:11:2b,d,3b-5a)

All these things Jesus spoke to the multitudes in parables, and He was not talking to them without parables so that what was spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled, saying, "I will open My mouth in parables." (Matt. 13:34-35a)

And He entered the temple and began to cast out those who were selling...and he was teaching daily in the temple. (Luke 19:45,47a)

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem. Behold, your king is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation, humble and mounted on a donkey; even upon a colt, the foal of a donkey. (Zech. 9:9)

Rejected by the Jews:

[The Lord is speaking to Isaiah]: "Then He shall become a sanctuary; but to both the houses of Israel, a stone to strike and a rock to stumble over and a snare and a trap for the inhabitants of Jerusalem. And many will stumble over them. Then they will fall and be broken; they will even be snared and caught." (Isa. 8:14–15)

Therefore, thus says the Lord God, "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a tested stone, a costly cornerstone the foundation, firmly placed. He who believes will not give way." (Isa. 28:16)

And You have become my salvation. The stone which the builders [Israel] rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our sight. (Psalm 118:21b-23)

Rejected by His own family and by man in general:

I have become estranged from my brothers, and an alien to my mother's sons. (Psalm 69:8)

He was despised and forsaken of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and like one from whom men hide their face, He was despised and we did not esteem Him. (Isa. 53:3)

Those who hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head. (Psalm 69:4)

And they brought the colt to Jesus and put their garments on it; and He sat upon it. And many spread their garments in the road...and those who went before and those who followed after were crying out, "Hosanna, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord" And He entered Jerusalem. (Mark 11:7–8a,99,11a)

[Jesus is speaking]: "What then is this that is written, 'The stone which the builders rejected, this became the chief cornerstone'? Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, but on whomever it falls, it will scatter him like dust." And the scribes and the chief priests tried to lay hands on him that very hour. (Luke 20:17–19a)

[Paul is writing to church age believers]: So then you...are of God's household, having been built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone. (Eph. 2:20)

Israel...pursuing the law by works...stumbled over the stumbling stone. (Rom. 9:31a,32b,d)

For not even his brothers were believing in Him. (John 7:5)

He came to His own and those who were His own did not receive Him. (John 1:11)

[The Pharisees are speaking]: "No one of the rulers or Pharisees has believed in Him, has he?" (John 7:48)

[Jesus is speaking concerning the Pharisees]: "But they have done this in order that the word may be fulfilled that is written in their Law, 'They have hated Me without a cause.'" (John 15:25)

The Crucifixion

Betrayed by a "friend":

For it is not an enemy who reproaches Me, but it is you, a man my equal, my companion and my familiar friend. We who had sweet fellowship together, walking in the house of God in the throng. (Psalm 55:12a,13–14)

Even my close friend, in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted up his heel against me. (Psalm 41:9)

And I said to them, "If it is good in your sight, give me my wages..." So they weighed out thirty pieces of silver as my wages. Then the Lord said to me, "Throw it to the potter, that magnificent price at which I was valued by them." So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them to the potter in the house of the Lord. (Zech. 11:12a,c,13) Zechariah, by throwing the pieces of silver by which the Lord was valued to the potter in the house of the Lord, was prophesying by his actions. Josh McDowell points out that the money was 30 pieces, not 29; it was silver, and not gold; and it was thrown down, not placed.

"Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd and against the man, My Associate," declares the Lord of the armies.

Now when evening had come, He [Jesus] was reclining [to eat] with His disciples. And, as they were eating, He said, "Truly I say to you that one of you will betray me." And Judas, who was betraying Him, answered and said, "Surely it is not I, Rabbi?" He said to him, "You have said it yourself." And while they were eating, Jesus took bread and after a blessing, He broke it and gave it to the disciples. (Matt. 26:20–21,25–26a) See also John 13:18

[Judas is speaking to the chief priests]: "What are you willing to give me to deliver Him up to you?" And they weighed out to him thirty pieces of silver....then when Judas...felt remorse [he tried to return] the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders...And he threw the pieces of silver into the sanctuary...and the chief priests took the pieces of silver and said, "It is not lawful to put them into the temple treasure, since it is the price of blood." And they counseled together and with the money bought the Potter's Field as a burial place for strangers. (Matt. 26:15b 27:3b,5a,6–7)

At that time, Jesus said to the multitudes, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me? All this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples left Him and fled. (Matt. 26:55a,56)

"Strike the shepherd, that the sheep may be scattered."
(Zech. 13:7a)

Malicious witnesses rise up; they ask me of things that I do not know. They repay me evil for good to the bereavement of my soul...But at my stumbling they rejoiced and gathered themselves together, the smiters whom I did not know gathered together against me. They slanders [or tore at] me without ceasing. Like godless jesters at a feast, they gnashed at me with their teeth. (Psalm 35:11–12,15–16)
He was harassed unsparingly and he had been brought to subjection. Yet He did not open His mouth. Like a lamb that is led to slaughter, and like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, so He did not open His mouth. By an oppressive judicial decision, He was led away. (Isa. 53:7–8a)
All who see me sneer at me; they shoot out the lip; they wag the head. (Psalm 22:7a)
I have also become a reproach to them; when they see me, they wag their head. (Psalm 109:25)

I gave my back to those who strike Me, and My cheeks to those who pluck out the beard; I did not cover My face from humiliation and spitting. (Isa. 50:6)

From that time, Jesus Christ began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised up on the third day. (Matt. 17:21)

All who see me sneer at me...[saying] "Commit to the Lord; let Him deliver him; Let Him rescue him because He delights in him." I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within me. My strength is dried up like a potsherd and my tongue cleaves to my jaws. and You lay me in the dust of death. For dogs [Gentiles] surrounded me; a band of evildoers has encompassed me. They pierced my hands and my feet. I can count all my bones. They look, they stare at me; they divide my garments among them and for my clothing, they cast lots. (Psalm 22:7–8,14–18)

Surely our griefs He Himself bore and our sorrows He carried, yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted, but He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our peace was upon Him and by His scourging we are healed. All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way, but the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him. He was oppressed and He was afflicted...For the transgression of my people was the stroke of judgement. His grave was assigned with wicked men yet with a rich man in his death. Although He had done no violence nor was there any deceit in His mouth. But the Lord was pleased to crush Him, putting to grief if He would render Himself a guilt offering....And He was numbered with the transgressors, yet He Himself bore the sin of many. (Isa. 53:4–7,8–10a,12b)

They divide my garments among them and for my clothing, they cast lots. (Psalm 22:18)

Many were giving false testimony against Him but their testimony was not consistent. (Mark 14:56)

Now the chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin kept trying to obtain false testimony against Jesus, in order that they might put Him to death. and they did not find it, even though many false witnesses came forward. But later, two came forward and said, "This man states, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to rebuild it in three days.'" (Matt. 26:59–61)

And while He was being accused by the chief priests and elders, He made no answer. Then Pilate said to Him, "Do You not hear how many things they testify against You?" And He did not answer him with regard to even a single charge so that the governor was quite amazed. (Matt. 27:12–14)

And those who were passing by were hurling abuse at Him, wagging their heads...The chief priests, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking Him. (Matt. 27:39,41b)

And they spat on Him and took the reed and began to beat Him on the head. (Matt. 27:30)

And they blindfolded Him and were asking Him, saying "Prophecy, who is the one who hit You?" (Luke 24:64)

And they crucified Him. (Mark 15:24a) As is the Roman custom, our Lord's hands and feet were pierced by large spikes, which held the body to the cross or stake. Being stretched out on the cross, our Lord's bones would show through His skin.

They gave Him wine to drink mixed with gall; and after tasting it, He was unwilling to drink....at that time, two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right and one on the left. And those who were passing by were hurling abuse at Him, wagging their heads and saying "You who destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save Yourself. If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." In the same way, the chief priests, along with the scribes and elders were mocking Him and saying, "He saved others; He cannot save Himself. He is the King of Israel; Let Him now come down from the cross and we shall believe in Him. He trusts in God; let Him deliver Him now. If He takes pleasure in Him, for He said, 'I am the Son of God.'" (Matt. 27:34,38–43)

{Pilate} "I have found no guilt in this man regarding the charges which you make against Him." ...And one of the criminals who were hanged was hurling abuse at Him...but the other answered, and rebuking him, said, "Do you not even fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly deserve what we are receiving for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ...Now when the centurion saw what had happened, he praised God, saying, "Certainly this man was righteous." (Luke 23:14b,39a,40–41,47)

The soldiers, therefore, when they had crucified Jesus, took His outer garments and made four parts, a part to every soldier and also the tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece. They said, therefore to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, to decide whose it shall be." that the Scripture might be fulfilled, They divided My outer garments among them and for My clothing, they cast lots. (John 19:23–24)

And it will come about in that day," declares the Lord God, "That I shall make the sun go down at noon and make the earth dark in broad daylight." (Amos 8:9)
My God My God, why have You forsaken Me? (Psalm 22:1)

They gave me gall for my food and for my thirst, they gave me vinegar to drink. (Psalm 69:21)
He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken. (Psalm 34:20)

And one will say to him, "What are these wounds between your hands?" Then he will say, "Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends." (Zech. 13:6) Jesus was charged by those who daily ministered in the temple; the temple which speaks of Him; and He was betrayed by one of His disciples.

They will look upon Me whom they have pierced and they will mourn for Him as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a first-born. (Zech. 12:10b) The word for *pierce* in the Hebrew occurs nine times in the Old Testament and in each of those nine times, it means to be thrust through by a sword (eg, Num. 25:8 | Sam. 31:4)

But the Lord was pleased to crush Him, putting to grief if He would render Himself a guilt offering....As a result of the anguish of His soul, He [God] will see and be satisfied. By His knowledge, the Righteous One [Jesus Christ], My servant will justify the many as He will bear their iniquities...Because He poured out Himself to deaths...He Himself bore the sin of many. (Isa. 53:10a,11,12b,12d)

And when the sixth hour had come, darkness fell over the whole land until the ninth hour. And, at the ninth hour, **Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "My God My God, why have You forsaken Me?"** (Mark 15:33–34a,c)

After this, Jesus knowing that all things had been already accomplished in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I am thirsty." A jar of sour wine was standing there; so they put a sponge full of the sour wine upon a hyssop, and brought it up to His mouth. When Jesus therefore had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished." And he bowed His head and exhaled His breath. The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man and of the other man who was crucified with Him, but coming to Jesus, when they saw that He was already dead, they did **not break His legs.** (John 19:28–30,32–33)

And all the multitude who came together for this spectacle, when they observed what had happened, began to return, beating their breasts. And all His acquaintances and the women who accompanied Him from Galilee were standing at a distance, seeing these things. (Luke 23:48–49)

And He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, that we might die to sin and live in righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed. For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls. (1 Peter 2:24–25)

His Burial, Resurrection and Ascension

His grave was assigned to be with wicked men, yet with a rich man in His deaths. (Isa. 13:9a)

For You will not abandon my soul to the grave; neither will You allow Your Holy one to undergo decay. (Psalm 16:10)
You have delivered my soul from the depths of the grave. (Psalm 86:13b)

And the Lord said to Moses, "Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their garments; and let them be ready for the third day, for on the third day the Lord will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people." (Ex. 19:10–11)

"Come, let us return to the Lord, for He has torn us, but He will heal us; He has wounded us, but he will bandage us. He will revive us after two days; He will raise us up on the third day." (Hos. 6:1–2)

[Jesus is speaking]: **"The Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and scribes, and be killed and be raised up on the third day."** (Luke 9:22)

And when it was evening, a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had become a disciple of Jesus. This man came to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. The Pilate ordered it to be released. (Matt. 27:57–58)
The other disciples therefore were saying to him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." (John 20:25)

But when they entered [the tomb] they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. And it happened that while they were perplexed about this, behold, two men suddenly stood near them in dazzling apparel..and one said to them, "Why do you seek the Living One among the dead? He is not here but He has risen. Remember how He spoke to you while He was still in Galilee, saying that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again." (Luke 24:2,3b–4,5b–7)

And He [Jesus] opened their minds to understand the Scriptures and He said to them, "Thus it is written that the Messiah should suffer and rise again from the dead the third day." (Luke 24:45–46)

