

Jesus' Resurrection - Fulfillment of Biblical Prophecies

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Easter* is a joyous time when people around the world celebrate the fulfillment of many of the messianic prophecies and the resurrection of the Savior, Jesus Christ. When He returns, He will fulfill the Messianic Kingdom prophecies. Jesus Christ said, **“You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me”** (John 5:39). Let’s look at a few of the many fulfilled prophecies about the Messiah. **Because of pagan origins, many Christians are replacing the term “Easter” with “Resurrection Sunday.”*

1. Isaiah prophesied the Messiah’s death would be the sin offering for the world.

“Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions (*sins*), He was bruised for our iniquities; ... **And by His stripes we are healed... And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all... When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, ...** By His knowledge My righteous Servant (*the Messiah*) shall justify many, (Isaiah 53 Read the whole chapter!) (1) (2) **Fulfilled:** “Therefore, he (*Pilate, the Roman governor*) then delivered Him (*Jesus Christ*) up to them so that He might be crucified” (John 19:16). “... who Himself (*Jesus Christ*) **bore our sins** in His own body on the tree (*cross*), that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—**by whose stripes you were healed**” (2 Peter 2:24).

2. Isaiah prophesied the Messiah would be sacrificed as the Passover Lamb of God.

“He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter...” (Isaiah 53:7). **Fulfilled:** “For (*Jesus*) Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us” (1 Corinthians 5:7). “Knowing that you were not redeemed by corruptible things ... but by the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot; Who truly was fore-known before the foundation of the world, but was manifested in these last times for your sakes” (1 Peter 1:18-20).



3. Isaiah prophesied the Messiah wouldn’t defend Himself at His trial.

“He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter; and as a sheep before its shearers is dumb, so He opened not His mouth” (Isaiah 53:7). **Fulfilled:** “Then Pilate said to Him, ‘Don’t You hear how many things they testify against You?’ And He did not answer even one word to him, so that the governor was greatly amazed” (Matthew 27:13-14). (1)

4. David prophesied that the Messiah’s hands and feet would be pierced. - “Dogs have surrounded Me; a band of evildoers have encircled me; they have pierced My hands and My feet...” (Psalm 22:16 Read the whole chapter!) **Fulfilled:** “And they crucified Him” (Mark 15:25). “Then the other disciples said to him (*Thomas*), ‘We have seen the Lord!’ But he said to them, ‘If I do not see **the nail marks in His hands**, and put my finger into the nail marks, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe at all!’” (John 20:25). (1) (2)

5. David prophesied the words of the Messiah’s reproachers. - “He trusted on the LORD; let Him deliver Him; let Him rescue Him, since He delights in Him!” (Psalm 22:8 - read whole chapter!) **Fulfilled:** “Likewise the chief priests also, mocking with the scribes and elders, said, ‘He saved others; Himself He cannot save. He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now, if He will have Him; for He said, ‘I am the Son of God.’ And the two robbers who were also crucified with Him reproached Him with the same words” (Matthew 27:41-44). (1) (2)

6. Isaiah prophesied the Messiah would make intercession for sinners. - “He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for transgressors” (Isaiah 53:12). **Fulfilled:** Jesus continued praying for others, even while He was on the cross. “Then Jesus said, ‘**Father, forgive them, for they do not understand what they are doing**’” (Luke 23:34). (1)

7. Amos prophesied of a day of mourning and darkness at noon. “And it shall come to pass in that day,’ says the Lord God, ‘That I will make the sun go down at noon, And I will darken the earth in broad daylight;... I will make it



like **mourning for an only son**, And its end like a bitter day” (Amos 8:9-10). **Fulfilled:** It happened while Jesus, God’s Son, was on the cross. “Now from the sixth hour (*noon*) until the ninth hour (*3:00 pm*) there was darkness over all the land...Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the **earth quaked**, and the rocks were split,” (Matthew 27:45, 51).

8. As no bone of the Passover lamb was to be broken (Ex. 12:46), David prophesied not a bone of the Messiah would be broken. - “He (*God*) keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken” (Psalm 34:20). **Fulfilled:** “Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first one, and the legs of the other who was crucified with Him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs....For these things took place so that the Scripture might be fulfilled, ‘Not a bone of Him shall be broken’ ” (John 19:32-33, 36) (1).

9. Jesus and David prophesied the Messiah/The Son of Man’s death & resurrection. -

a. Jesus said, “You know that after two days is the Passover, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified” (Matthew 26:2). (2) “They will scourge Him and kill Him. And the third day **He will rise again**” (Luke 18:33).

b. “For You will not leave my soul (*the Messiah’s*) in Sheol (*the grave or abode of the dead*), Nor will You allow Your Holy One (*the Messiah*) to see corruption (*His body would not decay*)” (Psalm 16:10). (2) **Fulfilled on Resurrection Sunday:** “Now when He (*Jesus*) rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons. She went and told those who had been with Him, as they mourned and wept” (Mark 16:9-10).



10. David prophesied that the Messiah would ascend to heaven. -“You (*Jesus*) have ascended on high,...That the Lord God might dwell *there*” (Psalm 68:18). “The LORD (*Jehovah/Yehweh*) said to my Lord (*Jesus Christ*), ‘Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool’” (Psalm 110:1). **Fulfilled:** “Now when He (*Jesus*) had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight” (Acts 1:9). “...seek those things which are above, where **Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God**” (Colossians 3:1).



- (1) “Twenty-eight Prophecies Fulfilled On the Crucifixion Day”, www.cbccg.org
- (2) “PROPHECIES OF JESUS DEATH & RESURRECTION FULFILLED - PART 2 ...www.so4j.com/prophecies-of-jesus-death-resurrection-fulfilled/

Yes! On Resurrection Sunday, we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior Who paid for our sins. Would you want Him to be your Lord and Savior too? **Suggested Prayer:** “Jesus, I believe You are the Messiah, the Son of God and that You died and rose again to pay for my sins. I repent of my sins. Please, forgive me and cleanse me of all wrongs. Reconcile me to God, heal me, and give me eternal life. Make me the kind of person You want me to be. Right now, Jesus, I open my heart and receive You as my personal Lord and Savior. I want to have a new vibrant relationship with God. AMEN!”

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Now that you have received Jesus, start praying to Him and read the Bible. Go to a good church where you feel God’s presence, they preach the Bible, you can get baptized, and be filled with the Holy Spirit.



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