

# The Story of Jesus Death & Resurrection was Prophesied

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Question # 1,

Why are the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ so important to all Christians?

First, Jesus birth was important because;

- 1) It was part of God's plan, developed before time began, to again walk the earth as a man? John 1:14, "The Word became flesh and lived for a while among us." This was always part of Gods plan for man to be able to redeem himself, if he chose too.
- 2) It was God's will. John 4:34, "My food, said Jesus, is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work." When Jesus walked the earth as a man, even though he was all man and all God, as a man he did his father in Heaven's will.
- 3) To fulfill the prophecy given by Isaiah in 760 BC and not fulfilled until Jesus birth. Isa.7:14, "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel." God always tells men what he expects and how he will interact with man.

Second, Jesus life was important because;

- 1) He fulfilled the law. Matthew 5:17, "Do not think that I come to abolish the law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them." If God's plan had not had a method in it for man to be able to fulfill his requirements of the law without actually having to keep it, man would have been eternally doomed to hell. This means that when God looks at a Christians actions he sees the righteousness of Jesus Christ.
- 2) He fulfilled the scripture. John 19:36-37, "These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: Not one of his bones will be broken,

and, as another scripture says, they will look on the one they have pierced.” Also see the list of prophecies fulfilled below in the section marked, Question #2. Bottom line is all prophecies about Jesus were fulfilled.

- 3) He completed God’s work. John 17:4, “I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do. And now Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.” And in John 19:30 Jesus indicates his work on earth was finished. “When he had received the drink, Jesus said, It is finished. With that, he bowed his head and gave up the spirit.” Jesus came to earth as a man to do his Fathers will, which was to pay the price for man’s sins, but he also knew he was going to be restored to heaven as the Son of the trinity.
- 4) He lived a sinless life, therefore, qualified by God the Fathers standards as the perfect sacrifice, to pay for man’s sin. 2 Cor. 5:21, “God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” Heb.4:15, “For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weakness, but we have one who has been temped in every way, just as we are – yet was without sin.” 1 Peter 2:22 & Isa.53:9, “He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.” The perfect Lamb without blemish.

Third, Jesus death was important because unless he died;

- 1) The simple answer is Jesus was the only one whose death could pay the price for our sin’s and allows all humans to be reconciled to God. 2 Cor. 5:21, “God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” Matt. 20: 28, “just as the Son of man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” John 10:15, “... just as the father knows me and I know the Father—I lay down my life for the sheep.” 1 Peter 2:24, “He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and liv for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.” 1 Peter 3:18, “For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit,

through whom also he went and preached to the spirits in prison who disobeyed long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah..."

- 2) Jesus death was required to redeem all humanity from the curse of the law. Remember up until the law was given man was in open rebellion against God. When the law was given it defined these acts of open rebellion as sin, and the sentence for "one" sin was eternal separation from God in hell.
- 3) Gal. 3:13-14, "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree. He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the spirit."

Forth, the resurrection of Jesus was important because it demonstrated God's/Jesus power over sin, death and even creation.

- 1) Christ resurrection paid for all of humanity to be released from its bondage of the law and sin, if he or she chose to become a Christian/ believer/saved. Romans 6:10, "The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God." Romans 6:18, "You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness." Romans 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:2, "...because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death." Romans 4:25-5:1, "He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,"
- 2) God the Father demonstrated his power over death by raising Jesus from the dead. Romans 4:24, "but also for us to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead." Acts 2:24, "But God raised him from the dead freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him." Heb. 13:20, "may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus," 1 Peter 1:21, "Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and

glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.” Most people do not think about the fact that God has power over the physical and spiritual worlds or places, or we could say power over what is seen and what is not seen. Everything that was created was created by God so he can do whatever he wants. Remember God is only constrained by the rules he established as it relates to man. They are his rules and man has no ability to make or change anything except as God allows.

- 3) The resurrection of Jesus demonstrates that God and Jesus are one in the Triune God Head but separate in task. When creation was taking place they were both there. In Genesis 1:1 scripture records the following, “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” Shortly after this in Gen. 1:26, scripture records God’s words, “Then God said, Let (US-plural, the trinity) make man in our own image, in our likeness,” All three parts of the trinity was there when the world was created.

Then in John Chapter 1 and verse 1, John records the fact that with the birth of Jesus the word of God became flesh, John 1:1-4, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of man.”

Last, in the Old Testament Isaiah records God’s words as follows, Isa. 44:6, “This is what the Lord says—Israel’s King and Redeemer, the Lord Almighty: I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God”, again in Isaiah 48:12 God states that he is the first and the last, Isa. 48:12, “Listen to me, O Jacob, Israel, whom I have called: I am he; I am the first and I am the last.” Then in Revelations chapter 1 verse Jesus is speaking and says, Rev. 1:17, “...Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and hades.” And again in Rev. 2:8 Jesus speaking to the church of Smyrna says he is, these are the words of him who is the First and the Last, who died and came to life again.”

I think Jesus summarizes his position within the God Head in the following scripture, Rev. 22:12, “Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me,

and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.” To me Jesus is stating that the Son is as God as the Father when they are acting as the Trinity or God head.

## Question # 2

Was Jesus birth, life, death and resurrection prophesied?

The story of the resurrection of Jesus Christ is recorded in a variety of books in the Bible. The Old Testament beginning the prophetic portion of the story of Jesus death and resurrection, however, Jesus himself completes the story in the New Testament. Then the gospels in the New Testament record the fulfillment of these prophecies or the physical portion of the prophecies.

- ➔ Prophecy, “Jesus was betrayed by a friend”, Old Testament written as far back as 1000BC & New Testament Fulfillment in 31AD
  - 1) In Psalm 41:9 King David wrote a prayer asking for mercy in his last days. Many Christians believe this prayer to have a dual meaning, one in which David asked for help from God for his own situation but also a foreshadowing that Jesus would be betrayed by Judas, one of the twelve apostles.  
Also, Jesus himself predicts his betrayal as recorded in Matt. 20:18, “We are going to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priest and the teachers of the law.”
  - 2) In Matthew 26:47-50, “While he was still speaking, Judas one of the twelve, arrived. With him was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: The one I kiss is the man; arrest him. Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, Greeting rabbi! And kissed him.”  
Also, see Zechariah 13:6 and Psalm 41:9

→ Prophecy, “Jesus was betrayed for thirty pieces of silver”, written in about 520 BC and Fulfilled in about 31AD

- 1) In Zechariah 11:12-13, “I told them, if you think it best, give me my pay; but if not, keep it. So they paid me thirty pieces of silver. And the Lord said to me, Throw it to the potter—the handsome price at which they priced me! So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them into the house of the Lord to the potter.” The prophet speaks of a payment involving 30 pieces of silver and of a good shepherd whose service is brought to an end. This foreshadows an event that happened to Jesus about 500 years later.
- 2) Matthew 26:14-15 records the amount of money that Judas received to betray Jesus, “Then one of the Twelve—the one called Judas Iscariot—went to the chief priest and asked, What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you? So they counted out for him thirty silver coins.”

→ Prophecy, “Jesus was spat upon and beaten”, written between 701-681 BC and Fulfilled in 31 AD

- 1) In Isaiah 50:6 the prophet talks about a servant of God who endures abuse at the hands of sinful people. “I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting.” Many Christians believe this is a picture of Christ.
- 2) Over 700 years later Matthew records the actual event that Christ endured. Matt. 26:67, “Then they spit in his face and struck him with their fist. Others slapped him...” also, see Matthew 27:30

→ Prophecy, “God’s servant would be silent before his accusers”, written between 701-681 BC and Fulfilled in 31 AD

- 1) In Isaiah 53:7 the prophet talks about a ‘servant of God’ that would be afflicted and abused but remain silent. “He was opposed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was like a lamb to the slaughter, and a sheep before her shearers is silent.”
- 2) Again over 700 years later Matthew records the actual event as it relates to how Christ responded to his accusers. “Matt. 27:12-14, “When he was accused by the chief priest and elders, he gave no answer. Then

Pilate asked him, Don't you hear how many things they are accusing you of? But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge—to the great amazement of the governor."

→ Prophecy, "God's servant would die for our sins", written between 701-681 BC and fulfilled in 31 AD

- 1) The prophet Isaiah describes is describing in Isaiah chapter 53, God's servant, which was the foretelling of Jesus Christ, Isa.53:4-6, "Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we consider him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed."
- 2) The New Testament records in many places why Jesus was crucified, several are listed below;
  - a) 1 Cor. 15:3-4, "For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scripture, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scripture..."
  - b) 1 Peter 2:24, "He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed."
  - c) 1 John 1:7, "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin."
  - d) 1 John 2:2, "He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world."

→ Prophecy, "The crucifixion of Jesus was foretold" in scripture at least 1000 years before Jesus death and fulfilled in 31AD.

- 1) There are many places in the Old Testament that describe the crucifixion some of them are listed below;
  - a) Zech. 12:10, "And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child..."

b) Psalm chapters 22-24 outline the prophecy of Jesus death and resurrection

c) Psalm 16:10, "...because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay."

d) Daniel 9:26, "After the sixty-two sevens, the Anointed One will be cut off and will have nothing."

e) Christ triumph over death and sin was first prophesied in Gen. 3:15, "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

f) Even Jesus prophesied his own death as recorded in Matthew 16:21, "From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life." Also, Matt.12:40, "For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." Again, in Luke 24:25-27, "He said to them, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory? And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scripture concerning himself."

2) The fulfillment of the actual crucifixion of Jesus was described in detail in the following books of the New Testament, Matthew 27:32-56, Mark 15:16-41, Luke 23:26-49 and John 19:16-37 plus various other New Testament books.

→ Prophecy, "God's servant would be "numbered with the transgressors", written between 710-681 BC and fulfilled in 31 AD.

1) Isaiah the prophet wrote in Isaiah 53:12, about a servant who would bear the sins of others and be punished side by side with criminals. "Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death,

and was numbered with the transgressors. For he born the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors." Many Christians believe that Isaiah's prophecy was fulfilled during the life and death of Jesus.

- 2) The fulfillment of this prophecy was recorded in the following passages in the New testament;
  - a) Matt. 27:38, "Two robbers were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left.
  - b) Matt. 27:44 In the same way the robbers who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him."
  - c) Mark 15:27-28, "They crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left and the scripture was fulfilled which says, he was counted with the lawless ones."
  - d) This is a direct quote by Jesus as recorded in Luke 22:37, "It is written: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and I tell you that this must be fulfilled in me. Yes, what is written about me is reaching its fulfillment."
  - e) Luke 23:32-33, "Two other men. Both criminals were also led out with him to be executed. When they came to the place called The Skull, there they crucified him along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left." (Also, see Luke 23:39-43)
  - f) John 19:18, "Here they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle." (Also see John 19:31-35)

→ Prophecy, "God's servant would be buried in a rich man's tomb" written in 701-681 BC and fulfilled in 31 AD

- 1) In Isaiah 53:9 God's prophet states that Jesus would be put to death with the wicked but would be buried with the rich. Isa. 53:9, "He was assigned a grave with the wicked and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth."
- 2) The fulfillment of this prophecy was recorded in the following books of the New Testament;

- a) Matt. 27:57-60, "As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus body, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him. Joseph took the body wrapped it in clean linen cloth, and placed it in his own new tomb that had been cut out of the rock. ..."
- b) Mark 15:42-46
- c) Luke 23:50-56
- d) John 19:38-42

→ Prophecy, "The disciples forsook him", written about 487BC and fulfilled in 31 AD.

- 1) Zech. 13:7, "Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, against the man who is close to me! Declares the Lord Almighty. Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered, and I will turn my hand against the little ones."
- 2) The fulfillment of this prophecy was recorded in Matthew 26:56, "But this has all taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples deserted him and fled." (Also see Mark 14:27)

→ Prophecy, "His hands and feet would be pierced", written about 1000 years before Jesus birth and fulfilled in 31 AD.

- 1) Psalm 22:16, "Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil man has encircled me, they have pierced my hands and feet."
- 2) The fulfillment of this prophecy was recorded in Luke 19:18, "Here they crucified him, ...", then in John 20:25-27, John clearly records that Jesus hands were nailed to the cross, "When the other disciples told him that they had seen the Lord, he declared, Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it. A week later his disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, Peace be with you! Then said to Thomas, Put your finger here, see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

Note; it has also been well documented that Jesus was crucified in the normal Roman manner.

Listed above are just a few of the prophecies concerning Jesus birth, life, death and resurrection. It would take many pages to outline all of these prophecies but you get the general idea. When Jesus came the first time not one prophecy was missed, therefore, we can expect every prophecy about his second coming to be fulfilled as well.