



“Finishing Well”

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- Jesus just doesn’t speak to the disciples, He takes them aside.
- He is starting to prepare them for what is to come.
- The pace will begin to pick up soon. Like Niagara Falls – the closer you get to the falls, the faster the rapids of the Niagara River, that feeds the falls.
- Jerusalem is where it is all going to happen:
 - the Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem (Zech. 9:9)
 - the betrayal by Judas (Ps. 41:9)
 - the cross with all of the suffering (Ps. 22; 69; Isa. 53)
 - His death and burial (Ps. 16:10)
 - His resurrection (Jonah 2; Matt. 12:40)
 - His ascension back home to heaven (Ps. 24)
 - His enthronement in glory (Ps. 45:6-7)

27 Messianic Prophecies Fulfilled by The Messiah in One Day

1 – The betrayal of the Messiah by His own friend

Ps 41:9 Even my own familiar friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted up his heel against me.

Mar 14:10 Then Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Him to them. (Also read verse 11)

2 – The Messiah forsook by His disciples

Zec 13:7 “Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, Against the Man who is My Companion,” Says the Lord of hosts.

“Strike the Shepherd, And the sheep will be scattered; And I will be bereft of My flock,” Says the Lord of hosts.

Mar 14:50 Then they all forsook Him and fled. (Read from verse 42)

3 – The price paid for the betrayal

Zec 11:12 Then I said to them, “If it is agreeable to you, give me my wages; and if not, refrain.” So they weighed out for my wages thirty pieces of silver.

Mat 27:15-16 Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests, and said, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him? And they him thirty pieces of silver.

4 – How the money of the betrayal would be used

Zec 11:13 And the Lord said to me, “Throw it to the potter”—that princely price they set me. So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them into the house of the Lord for the potter.

Mat 27:15-16 Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that he had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.”

And they said, “What is that to us? You see to it!”

Then he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed, and went and hanged himself.

But the chief priests took the silver pieces and said, ‘It is not lawful to put them into the treasury because they are the price of blood.’ And they consulted together and bought the potter’s field, to bury strangers in. Therefore that field has been called the field of blood.

Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying, “And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the value of Him who was priced, whom they of the children of Israel priced, and gave them for the potter’s field, as the Lord directed me.”

5 – The Torture of the Messiah

Isa 50:6 I gave My back to those who struck Me, And My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting.

Mat 27:26, 30 Then he released Barabbas to them; and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered Him to be crucified... Then they spit on Him, and took the reed and struck Him on the head.

6 – Shame, prosecution, and dishonor

Ps 69:19 You know my reproach, my shame and my dishonor; My adversaries are all before You. (Read to verse 21)

Mat 27:28 And they stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him.

7 – The smitten shepherd

Zec 13:7 “Strike the shepherd, and will scatter the sheep.”

Mat 26:31 Then Jesus said to them, “All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written: I will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.”

8 – The division of His garments

Ps 22:18 They divide My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots.

John 19:24 They said therefore among themselves, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be.” That the Scripture might be fulfilled which says: “They divided My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots.” Therefore the soldiers did these things.

9 – The Messiah would not open His mouth at His trial

Isa 53:7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted,
Yet He opened not His mouth;
He was led as a lamb to the slaughter,
And as a sheep before its shearers is silent,
So He opened not His mouth.

Mat 27:13-14 Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?" But He answered him not one word so that the governor marveled greatly.

10 – The Messiah's crucifixion

Isa 53:9 But He was wounded for our transgressions,
He was bruised for our iniquities;
The chastisement for our peace was upon Him,
And by His wound we are healed.
John 19:16 Then he delivered him to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus and led him away.

11 – Messiah thirsts

Psa 68:3 I am weary with my crying;
My throat is dry;
My eyes fail while I wait for my God,
John 19:28 After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!"

12 – The bitter drink

Psa 68:21 They also gave me gall for my food,
and for my thirst, they gave me vinegar to drink.
John 19:29 Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there,
and they filled a sponge with sour wine,
put it on hyssop,
and put it to His mouth.

13 – People staring at Messiah on the cross

Psa 22:17 I can count all My bones,
They look and stare at Me.
Mat 27:38 Sitting down, they kept watch over Him there.

14 – Messiah's hands and feet pierced

Psa 22:16 For dogs have surrounded Me;
The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me.
They pierced My hands and My feet;

19 – The Messiah as the intercessor of sinners

Isa 53:12 Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great,
And He shall divide the spoil with the strong.
Because He poured out His soul unto death,
And He was numbered with the transgressors,
And He bore the sin of many,
And made intercession for the transgressors.
Luke 23:34 Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them,
for they do not know what they do." And they divided His garments and cast lots.

20 – The lonely cry of the Messiah and intense time of His suffering

Psa 22:1 My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?
Why are You so far from helping Me,
And from the words of My groaning?
Mat 27:46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

21 – The disfigurement caused by the brutality of the soldiers

Isa 52:14 Just as many were astonished at You,
So His visage was marred more than any man,
And His form more than the sons of man.
John 19:15 Then Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe.
And Pilate said to them, "Behold the Man!"
John 19:16 Now it was the Preparation Day, of the Passover,
and about the sixth hour.
And he said to the Jews, "Behold your king!"

22 – The Cry of Triumph and Victory of the Messiah

Psa 22:31 They will come and declare His righteousness to a people who will be born,
That He has done this.
John 19:30 So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!"
And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

23 – The Passover Lamb without any broken bones

Jesus would die for the nation, and not for that nation only, but also that He would gather together in one the children of God who had scattered abroad.

26 – The fight against Satan and the triumph of the Messiah (The oldest prophecy about the Messiah in the Torah)

Gen 3:15 And I will put enmity
Between you and the woman,
And between your seed and her Seed;
He shall bruise your head,
And you shall bruise His heel."
John 12:30-33 Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come because of Me, but for your sake. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself." This He said, signifying by what death He would die.

27 The Messiah would be buried in a tomb of a rich man

Isa 53:9 And they made His grave with the wicked—
But with the rich at His death,
Because He had done no violence,
Nor was any deceit in His mouth.
Mat 27:57-60 Now when evening had come, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be given to him. When Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb, and departed.

Mat 27:35 Then they crucified Him, and divided His garments, casting lots, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet:
"They divided My garments among them,
and for My clothing they cast lots."

15 – His side was pierced

Zec 12:10 "and I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication,
then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for him as one mourns for his only son,
and grieve for him as one grieves for a firstborn.

John 19:34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear,
and immediately blood and water came out.

16 – Messiah's broken heart

Psa 22:14 I am poured out like water,
And all My bones are out of joint;
My heart is like wax;
It has melted within Me.
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and immediately blood and water came out.
(Blood and water here represent a "broken heart")

17 – The scorning and hatred of the crowd

Psa 22:7-9 All those who see Me ridicule Me;
They sneer at Me and shake the head, saying,
"He trusted in the Lord,
let Him rescue Him!"
Let Him deliver Him since He delights in Him!"

Mat 27:41-43 Likewise the chief priests also, mocking with the scribes and elders, said, "He saved others; Himself He cannot save.
If He is the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross,
and we will believe Him. He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now.
If He will have Him, let He said, "I am the Son of God!"

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John 19:33, 36 But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead,
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24 – Messiah placed with the transgressors like a sinner, even though he never sinned

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25 – The Messiah would be cut off (killed) but not by his own fault

Dan 9:26 "And after the sixty-two weeks
Messiah shall be cut off, but not for himself.
And the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary.
And till the end of the war desolations are determined,
He was bruised for our iniquities;
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John 11:49-52 And one of them, Caiaphas, being high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all, nor do you consider that it is expedient for us that one man should die for the people,
and not that the whole nation should perish." Now, this He did not say on his own authority,
but being high priest that year He prophesied that

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- Jesus predicted exactly what is going to happen because He is omniscient. He has demonstrated that throughout His ministry:
 - His knowledge of man's heart [John 2:24-25; cf. Luke 6:8; 11:17];
 - Location of fish with a coin in its mouth [Matt. 17:27; cf. John 21:5-6];
 - Woman who had five husbands [John 4:18];
 - Location of the colt He would ride in the triumphal entry [Luke 19:30-34];
 - A man carrying a pitcher who would show them the place where they would eat the Last Supper [Luke 22:10];
 - Jerusalem would be destroyed 40 years later [Luke 21:20])
- Put yourself in the disciples shoes upon hearing this gruesome news.

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- υβριζω - injury, insult, reproach, arrogance, insolence, ill-treatment.
- μαστιγωω – to flog, to whip, to scourge.
- σκοτεινω – to slay, to cut down, put to death, to destroy.
- Strongest of words to describe what is going to happen.
- The good news: He will rise again.

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- Perhaps the disciples thought: Maybe He was giving a parable. Maybe this should be taken as figurative-literal. Maybe this was symbolic of something.
- Regardless, they absorbed none of it. It simply flew over their heads.
- But the seed had been planted for future reference.

Deut 29:29

29 "The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our sons forever, that we may observe all the words of this law.

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- Quite common for beggars to line up along a road leading into a village or city.
- Always a big crowd followed Jesus – hundreds +.
- As he could not see the crowd, but could hear them, he inquired.
- "Jesus of Nazareth" – why Nazareth and not Bethlehem? Because a man was associated with, not where he was born, but where he was raised.

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"sternly" – ἐπιτιμοῦ – to scold, rebuke. Same word as was used back in Luke 18:15 with the infants.

- People always feel the need to shield Jesus.
 - **Note:** Jesus can stand on His own. He has a plan and doesn't need our help. (evil spirits, election) People say, "Must protect God from any stain?" What do you do with the flood?
- Prov 16:4**
- 4 The Lord has made everything for its own purpose, Even the wicked for the day of evil.
- "to be quiet"** – σιγᾶω - keep quiet. "Shut-up."

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- Jesus stops. Hears his plea. Heals him immediately.
- Result: He does 2 things: 1. Follows Jesus. 2. Glorifies God.
- That results in the crowd responding.
- Though the storm clouds are beginning to form, Jesus continues His ministry. Without interruption. No throwing in the towel. He just "finishes well."

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- Note the way he addresses Jesus: "Jesus" – Yahweh saves.
- "Son of David"** - Messianic title, one which describes Him as the heir of David's throne and the One Who would fulfill the covenant God made with David. Used 16 times in the NT, mostly in Matt.
- "have mercy on me"** – this is a cry to the One who could extend mercy. *Justice is God giving us what we deserve. Mercy is God not giving us what we deserve. Grace is God giving us what we don't deserve.*
- One of these days the dam of God's mercy will give way to His justice.*
- "Never plead merit when asking God for things, always plead mercy. Salvation is not rooted in the merit of man – but in the mercy of God." - Anon.
- "called out"** – βοᾶω – shout, to call.
- "crying out"** – κρᾶζω – to scream, shriek, exclaim, call aloud. More intense. Used of animal cries.
- Good thing he cried out that day – Jesus never passed that way again.

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Application

1. The plan of God is guaranteed to be fulfilled because of the person of God.
 2. Everyone born into this world is born spiritually blind and remains in that condition until saved.
- 2 Cor 4:4**
- 4 in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ,
3. Do we stop, look people in the eye who are hurting and ask – What do you want me to do for you?
 4. Will you finish well?