

THAT THE SCRIPTURE MIGHT BE FULFILLED

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INTRODUCTION

- A. TEXT: *"They said therefore one to another, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my garments among them, And upon my vesture did they cast lots.....After this Jesus, knowing that all things are now finished, that the scripture might be accomplished, saith, I thirst.For these things came to pass, that the scripture might be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken. And again another scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they pierced."* (John 19: 24; 28; 36,37).
- B. SETTING:
1. John's account of the crucifixion.
 2. An eye witness account. Know because of the details he gives.
 - a. The charge for care for His mother.
 - b. The activities of the soldiers.
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TESTIMONY

- A. His account did not rest on present testimony alone.
1. The Passover Lamb.... *"neither shall ye break a bone thereof."* (Ex. 12:46).
 2. *"And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplication; and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced;"* (Zech. 12:10).
- B. The hardness of heart of the religious Jews, their rejection of Messiah, their condemnation of him in a heathen court, their mockery, the parting of his garments, the piercing of his side, and many more such incidents fulfilled clear and specific prophecy regarding the coming Christ. (Isa. 53:1 ff)
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IMPORTANCE

- A. WHY is it so important to note that this was fulfillment of scripture?
1. It was important enough for John to mention it 4 times in this one chapter.
 2. Once would have been enough.
- B. COMFORT AND FAITH!
1. Comfort:
 - a. The fact that they were not taken by total surprise at these events.
 - b. Were reminded that this was known and foretold ahead of the time.

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2. Faith:

- a. Instead of shaking their faith, their faith was made stronger by the knowledge that God knew centuries before exactly what would happen
 - b. Their faith strengthened in knowing that Jesus willingly gave Himself as a Ransom for All.
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JESUS GAVE NO ANSWER

- A. To these questions of Pilate, Jesus gave no Answer.
 - B. See Isaiah 53:7. Jesus Did Not Answer Because:
 1. He had already made clear the nature of his work and the kind of kingdom over which he was to rule. (Jn. 18:36).
 2. No answer he could have given at that time would have satisfied him.
 3. Pilate knew what he should do....but for political and selfish reasons.
 4. Any answer, at this state, would have been without effect.
 5. The information which Pilate sought was not in the interest of Jesus.
 6. The issue was squarely before the Roman governor; he had all the facts necessary to make a true and proper determination in the case.
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DEATH AS A DOOR

- A. IN TRIUMPH HE SHOUTS...*IT IS FINISHED*.
 1. Death thus became the door to the realization of his glory.
 2. Not the shame which his enemies intended.
 - B. *'When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up his spirit.'* v. 30.
 1. It was not death that seized Christ...
 2. But Christ who seized death, thus encountering it not as one conquered...but as a triumphant victor over it.!!
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DID JESUS ACCOMPLISH

A. DID JESUS ACCOMPLISH WHAT HE CAME TO DO??

1. Did the events of His death come unexpected.
2. Was Jesus surprised at the response of the Jews?

B. DID HE HAVE TO MAKE A SUDDEN AND COMPLETE CHANGE IN HIS PLANS.

1. THE () THEORY.
2. Church an after thought.

C. REALITY...

1. In reality a great advantage in knowing that this was a foreseen event.
2. That God knew what was to be, and How it would be done, centuries before (Gen. 3:15).

D. JESUS SAID....IT IS FINISHED!

1. Not just His life as he faced death.
 2. Statement sums up all He came to do. Redemption of mankind was now achieved.
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CONCLUSION

A. JESUS CAME TO DIE. (John 3:16)

1. To die for you and me.
2. Romans 5,... while we were yet sinners Christ died for us...

B. *"Have this mind in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, existing in the form of God, counted not the being on an equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men; and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, becoming obedient even unto death, yea the death of the cross. Wherefore also God highly exalted him, and gave unto him the name which is above every name; that in the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven and things on earth and things under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."* (Phil. 2:5-11).
