

### I am thirsty (John 19:28-29)

John 19:28-29 After this, Jesus, knowing that all things had already been accomplished, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I am thirsty." 29 A jar full of sour wine was standing there; so they put a sponge full of the sour wine upon {a branch of} hyssop, and brought it up to His mouth.

- It was about the ninth hour of the day (3 PM) when this event occurs. Understandably, Jesus is thirsty for He had been hanging on the cross and was obviously dehydrated. Soldiers in Jesus' day had a practice of making wine vinegar, a cheap man's wine. It was very sour, but would most definitely quench the thirst. It is likely a soldier dipped a sponge into his personal stash and offered it to Jesus.
- This was predicted ten centuries prior in *Ps 69:21 They also gave me gall for my food, and for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink*. This is the true focus of this saying, for the text stated, "...in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, 'I AM THIRSTY'"
- This is a significant statement for it was brought forth through prophecy. Jesus was the Man of Destiny, just as God had promised!

### He was first announced to come from the human race.

- Gen 3:15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel."

### He would be born of a virgin in Bethlehem.

- Isa 7:14 "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.
- Micah 5:2 "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 goings forth are from long ago, from the days of eternity."

### He would be presented with gifts and threatened with murder.

- Ps 72:10 Let the kings of Tarshish and of the islands bring presents; the kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts.
- Jer 31:15 Thus says the LORD, "A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation {and} bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more."

### He would be called out of Egypt, be preceded by a messenger and start His ministry out of Galilee.

- Hosea 11:1 When Israel {was} a youth I loved him, and out of Egypt I called My son.
- Isa 40:3 A voice is calling, "Clear the way for the LORD in the wilderness; make smooth in the desert a highway for our God."
- Isa 9:1 "...He shall make {it} glorious, by the way of the sea, on the other side of Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles."

He would be considered a prophet and the Son of God.

- Deut 18:15 "The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your countrymen, you shall listen to him.
- Ps 2:7 "I will surely tell of the decree of the LORD: He said to me, 'Thou art My Son, today I have begotten Thee.

He would preach the gospel and perform miracles.

- Isa 61:1-2 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives, and freedom to prisoners; 2 To proclaim the favorable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn,
- Micah 7:15 "As in the days when you came out from the land of Egypt, I will show you miracles."

He would teach in parables and heal the hurting.

- Ps 78:2 I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings of old,
- Isa 53:4 "Surely our griefs He himself bore, and our sorrows He carried..."

He would delight the Father and be rejected by His own.

- Ps 40:8 I delight to do Thy will, O my God; Thy Law is within my heart."
- Ps 118:22 The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief corner {stone.}

He would ride a donkey into Jerusalem and enter the temple.

- Zech 9:9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout {in triumph,} 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 on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
- Mal 3:1 "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 hosts.

He would be betrayed by one of His disciples...for thirty pieces of silver... which would be used to purchase a potter's field.

- Ps 41:9 Even my close friend, in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted up his heel against me.
- Zech 11:12 And I said to them, "If it is good in your sight, give {me} my wages; but if not, never mind!" So they weighed out thirty {shekels} of silver as my wages. 13 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 {shekels} of silver and threw them to the potter in the house of the LORD.

His disciples would abandon...and stand afar.

- Zech 13:7 "Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, and against the man, My Associate," declares the LORD of hosts. "Strike the Shepherd that the sheep may be scattered; and I will turn My hand against the little ones.
- Ps 38:11 My loved ones and my friends stand aloof from my plague; and my kinsmen stand afar off.

False witnesses would accuse and He would keep silent.

- Ps 35:11 Malicious witnesses rise up; they ask me of things that I do not know.
- Isa 53:7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted, 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.

He would be beaten and scourged, have His hands and feet pierced and soldiers would divide His garments.

- Isa 53:5 "But He was pierced through for our transgressions..."
- Ps 22:16 "For dogs have surrounded me; a band of evildoers has encompassed me; they pierced my hands and my feet."
- Ps 22:18 "They divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots."

He would be numbered with thieves and mocked by men.

- Isa 53:12 "...He poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors..."
- Ps 22:7-8 All who see me sneer at me; they separate with the lip, they wag the head, {saying,} 8 "Commit {yourself} to the LORD; let Him deliver him; let Him rescue him, because He delights in him."

The sun would grow dark as His thirst would grow great.

- Amos 8:9 "...That I shall make the sun go down at noon and make the earth dark in broad daylight."
- Ps 22:15 "My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaves to my jaws..."

He would be forsaken by God, but trust unto death.

- Ps 22:1 My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me? Far from my deliverance are the words of my groaning.
- Ps 31:5 Into Thy hand I commit my spirit; Thou hast ransomed me, O LORD, God of truth.

His corpse would be pierced and His legs left unbroken.

- Zech 12:10 "...so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him..."
- Ps 34:20 He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken.

He would be buried in a rich man's tomb and yet come back from the grave.

- Isa 53:9 His grave was assigned with wicked men, yet He was with a rich man in His death, because He had done no violence, nor was there any deceit in His mouth.
- Ps 16:10 For Thou wilt not abandon my soul to Sheol; neither wilt Thou allow Thy Holy One to undergo decay.

He would ascend to heaven and fully empowered.

- Ps 68:18 Thou hast ascended on high, Thou hast led captive {Thy} captives; Thou hast received gifts among men, even {among} the rebellious also, that the LORD God may dwell {there.}
- Ps 110:1 The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at My right hand, until I make Thine enemies a footstool for Thy feet."

He would pour out His Spirit on the apostles and this be the basis of their message.

- Joel 2:28-29 "And it will come about after this that I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind; and your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. 29 "And even on the male and female servants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.
- Isa 28:16 Therefore thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a tested stone, a costly cornerstone {for} the foundation, firmly placed. He who believes {in it} will not be disturbed.

We can see from the above that fulfillment of prophecy is equated with fulfillment of Christianity in our own lives. If Jesus is the Messiah, and He is, then His predictions of resurrection are also true.

### Conclusion from Statement #5

We have a tendency to forget the promises of God, but the fact that God is good on His word should give us boldness. We might be doubting Him at times, but it is not because of Him, for His word is steadfast and His promises are good!

He has promised those that have believed, repented and are baptized will be saved.

- Acts 2:38-39 And Peter {said} to them, "Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 "For the promise is for you and your children, and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God shall call to Himself."
- Mark 16:16 "He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned.

He has promised to provide the basic necessities of life.

- Phil 4:19 And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

- 1 Tim 6:8 And if we have food and covering, with these we shall be content.
- Ps 37:25 "...I have not seen the righteous forsaken, or his descendants begging bread."

#### He has promised strength in temptation.

- 1 Cor 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, that you may be able to endure it.
- James 1:2-3 Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.

#### He has promised Heaven for our final destination.

- 2 Pet 3:13 But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.
- James 2:5 Listen, my beloved brethren: did not God choose the poor of this world {to be} rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him?

#### He promised eternal life for His children.

- 1 Jn 2:25 And this is the promise which He Himself made to us: eternal life.
- 2 Tim 1:1 "Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, according to the promise of life in Christ Jesus..."
- Titus 1:2 in the hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised long ages ago,
- James 1:12 Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life, which {the Lord} has promised to those who love Him.

So take it from the Hebrew writer *Heb 10:23 "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful..."* It is in the consistency of the fulfillment of prophecy that we confirm the consistency the promises of God. How can we claim to trust God if He cannot keep His plans? He has, He does and He will.

#### Some of the world's worst predictions

- King George II said in 1773 that the American colonies had little stomach for revolution.
- An official of the White Star Line, speaking of the firm's newly built flagship, the Titanic, launched in 1912, declared that the ship was unsinkable.
- In 1939 The New York Times said the problem of TV was that people had to glue their eyes to a screen, and that the average American wouldn't have time for it.

- An English astronomy professor said in the early 19th century that air travel at high speed would be impossible because passengers would suffocate.

God says that if you are His and He is yours, it will turn out just fine. Will you trust Him enough to commit your soul to Him? We will see, but know this, that God always keeps His plans!