**Matthew XIX**

**Death, Burial and Resurrection of Jesus**

Summary:

Last week we saw many prophecies fulfilled as we approached the death of Jesus.

1. Matthew 26:6-13 Mary anoints Jesus with pure, expensive nard. Why? Because Jesus is the Messiah—the anointed one

Will you be like Mary at Bethany. The Passover Lamb is being prepared. He is ready to pour out his life for you. What will be your nard? What extravagant, crazy ridiculous thing will you do for the Lamb, for the Passover Lamb, for the Messiah?

2. Matthew 26:14-16 Why was Jesus betrayed for thirty pieces of silver? Zechariah 11:10-13. “The price at which they priced me.” The price of a slave at that time. Also the price of a slave in Exodus 21:32. Jesus is sold for the price of a slave because he gave his life as a ransom for many from slavery.

3. So many prophecies fulfilled in the Last Supper. Jesus is the perfect Passover lamb who must be sacrificed on 14 Nisan so that God can “pass over” our sins. Why must the Messiah be crucified on Passover? As Israel escaped from bondage in Egypt because of the death of the firstborn at Passover, so, we, too, are able to leave slavery to sin because our Passover lamb has been sacrificed. Like the Passover lamb, the blood of our Passover Lamb has been shed on a wooden cross-beam.

Matthew XIX The Death, Burial and Resurrection of Jesus Prophesied.

1. Matthew 26:31-35, 56 fulfills Zechariah 13:7 Strike the shepherd and the sheep will be scattered.

Would you have denied Jesus? Would have fled in his hour of need? 1 Cor 10:12 “So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you do not fall.

Jesus was well aware of Zechariah 13:7

2. Matthew 26:36-44 A cry of the deepest imaginable emotional pain. Luke: sweat mixed with blood. Psalm 22:1 My God, My God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish.

Father: How can you forsake me like this. We see a deep, emotional, intimate relationship between Father and Son.

Jesus is anticipating great physical pain.

Jesus is anticipating the shame of hanging naked in front of sneering crowds.

Deuteronomy 21:23 Cursed is anyone who is hung on a pole.

v. 45-46. Jesus is now ready for the rest of the prophecies to be fulfilled.

The chairos has come.

3. In Matthew 26:47-53 Jesus’ own prophecy that the one who dips his hand into the bowl with me will betray me is fulfilled.

Again, Jesus is totally in control here. He can call 10 legions of angels. But he did not.

Matthew 26:54-56 The Scriptures must be fulfilled. Which one? All of them, but especially Zech 13:7 (strike the sheep…) Jesus submitted to fulfilling Scripture, even when it meant horrible torture, shame and death. Judas thinks he is in control. The Jewish leaders think they are in control. They are wrong! Jesus is totally in control here.

4. Matthew 26:59-64a, [also 27:13-14, as we will see] Isaiah 53:6-7 Like a sheep before her shearers….

Imagine the self-control to not defend himself!

5. Matthew 26:64b-68

Here Jesus fulfills Psalm 110:1 The Lord said to my Lord, sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.

And Jesus fulfills Daniel 7:13-14 Jesus is the one who will come on the clouds of heaven.

v. 65-68 Jesus fulfills Isaiah 53:3 “He was despised and rejected by men, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.

6. Matthew 27:1-10 Why was the money thrown down and why was it used to buy a potter’s field?

The 30 pieces of silver thrown into the house of the Lord and used to by a potter’s field fulfills Zechariah 11:12-13. v. 13 “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 to the potter at the house of the Lord.”

In Matthew 27:32-44 MANY prophecies are fulfilled.

7. Matthew 27:32 They took him outside the city to Golgotha. Fulfilling the prefigure in the sin offering. Leviticus 4:11-12 The body of the sin offering was taken outside the city/camp and burned because it was a detestable odor to God.

8. Matthew 27:34 Wine mixed with gall fulfills Psalm 69:21 “They put gall in my food and gave me vinegar for my thirst.”

9. Matthew 27:35 When they had crucified him… fulfills Psalm 22:16 They have pierced my hands and my feet.

10. Matthew 27:35 Cast lots to divide his clothing Psalm 22:18 God used those who killed Jesus to fulfill this prophecy. (in John 19:23-24 we learn that they both divided into four piles and cast lots for his inner garment!)

Matthew 27:45-54

11. Matthew 27:45-46 Psalm 22:1 My God, My God… His last words were the fulfillment of a prophecy.

12. Matthew 27:47-54 The curtain torn in two. All of this prefigured in the tabernacle and the temple. The way to God was now opened. Heb 10:19 We can now walk boldly into the Holy of Holies “by a new and living way through the curtain, that is his body.

[13. Matthew 27:57-60 Isaiah 53:9 He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death. It was not normal for a victim of crucifixion to have an honorable burial, but Jesus was laid in the tomb of the wealthy Pharisee Joseph of Arimathea.]

14. Matthew 28:1-7 Resurrection on the third day. We should have known.

Matthew 17:22-23 I will rise on the 3rd day.

Also John 2:19 Destroy this temple and I will raise it again in three days.

Also Matthew 12:40 As Jonah was three days and 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.

Also Genesis 22:1-16 On the third day Abraham received his son Isaac back from the dead. (Hebrews 11:18 figuratively…)

Also, the Feast of Firstfruits. On the 16th of Nisan. Leviticus 23:10-15

v. 11 “On the day after the Sabbath.” ie on the day after the Passover, which is the 16th of Nisan. This is the third day.

14 Nisan Passover lamb killed (Jesus killed)

15 Nisan Passover celebrated, including eating of the Passover lamb.

16 Nisan. The Feast of Firstfruits. Celebrating the harvest when there really is nothing to harvest.

Jesus is the firstfruits from the dead. 1 Cor 15:20-22.

Think about what Jesus did for you!!!

He knew exactly what was coming: Betrayal, abandonment, false accusation, mocking, spitting, scourging, crucifixion, shame, humiliation, torture…

And finally taking the sins of the whole world on his shoulders and being forsaken by his Father.

For Christ’s love compels us, for we are convinced that Christ died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all that those who live will no longer live for themselves, but for him who died for them and was raise.

And do not forget that Jesus rose from the dead on the third day.

You, too, can die with him, so that you can live with him.

What will you do for this Jesus?

Jesus’ resurrection on the Feast of Firstfruits makes him, literally, the firstfruits from the dead, as he is the harvest before the harvest. His resurrection is a harbinger of the final resurrection.

Matthew 28:1-10 Prophecy fulfilled.