

A Declaration of Those Things Which Are Most Surely Believed Among Us An Expository Study of The Gospel According to Luke Chapter 22- Luke 22:7-13 326- Jesus Demonstrates His Deity One Last Time

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Luke 22:7-13

7 Then came the *first* day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover *lamb* had to be sacrificed.

8 And Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "**Go and prepare the Passover for us, so that we may eat it.**"

9 They said to Him, "Where do You want us to prepare it?"

10 And He said to them, "**When you have entered the city, a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him into the house that he enters.**

11 "**And you shall say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, 'Where is the guest room in which I may eat the Passover with My disciples?'"**

12 "**And he will show you a large, furnished upper room; prepare it there.**"

13 And they left and found *everything* just as He had told them; and they prepared the Passover.

To the Glory of God

One of the things that we need to always keep in mind is that the Death of our Lord Jesus Christ on the Cross was no accident. It was *not* the culmination of a series of random events. And it was also *not* merely a bad ending to a noble effort by a good Man. The Death of Jesus was the original Plan of God, even before He made the world.

The creation of the world, and all that is in it, was carried out by God to facilitate His original Plan to display the Glory of His Grace by saving unworthy sinners by what He alone did for them, and not by what they could do for themselves. And, by doing this, God's Grace would be magnified and celebrated forever. *That* was the original Plan

of God in Salvation. And so in order for this to be done, several things had to happen first:

- ✓ Man had to be created
- ✓ Man had to fall
- ✓ God had to take on flesh and live among us- sinlessly
- ✓ God had to impute all of the sins of all of God's elect onto Jesus
- ✓ Jesus had to die under the full Fury of God's Wrath, with our sins
- ✓ Jesus had to rise from the dead, without sin
- ✓ Jesus had to ascend into Heaven

And as God the Holy Spirit goes out into the earth and draws all of God's elect to Jesus for Salvation, the glory of God's Grace is being displayed as marvelous.

And as God faithfully *keeps* all of God's elect saved, throughout their entire lives, God's Grace is being displayed as marvelous. And as God *transforms* the saved into the Image and Likeness of Jesus from one realm of glory to the next through their ongoing Sanctification, God's Grace is displayed as marvelous.

And when Jesus returns back to this earth and presents to Himself the "Crown Jewel" of all that He did, a Church, representing every nation, tribe, kindred, language, and people, a Church that is without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but one that is blameless by what He alone did for her, God's Glory will be displayed as marvelous.

And when we stand before the Throne of God with a glorified body and praise God forever for what He has done, God's Grace will be displayed as marvelous.

So everything that God designed to be done in salvation was to that one single Goal in mind:

To display God's Grace as marvelous.

And the very *epitome* of this Plan, the part that was the *catalyst* that allowed for all the other parts to happen, was the Death of Jesus Christ. And so for the Glory of God's Grace to be seen and known and wondered after and to be marveled at by the entire Universe, Jesus had to die. And that is why the Bible says this in **Isaiah 53:10**:

But the Lord was pleased To crush Him, putting *Him* to grief; If He would render Himself *as* a guilt offering, He will see *His* offspring, He will prolong *His* days, And the good pleasure of the Lord will prosper in His hand.

... so Jesus' Death was neither a victory for satan nor a defeat for God; it was the very *catalyst* that allowed for the Glory of God's Grace to be seen and known and celebrated through the Universe.

So, in order for the Glory of God's Grace to be admired and valued, Jesus had to die. And so, everything that we do now in the Church, for God's Glory and in His Name, that is good and productive and pleasing to God, *requires* a dead and risen Savior. Nothing happens without Jesus dying.

And that means that in His First Advent, Jesus was *not* born to be loved and adored and admired and followed and obeyed. That came later. But, in His First Advent, Jesus was *not* born to be well received or to be accepted. Jesus was *not* born to be exalted and worshipped. No God took on flesh and became Man, and Jesus was born to die. And this is why, 500 years before Jesus was born, the great Prophet Isaiah could say this:

Isaiah 53:2-9

2 For He grew up before Him like a tender shoot, And like a root out of parched ground; He has no *stately* form or majesty That we should look upon Him, Nor appearance that we should be attracted to Him.

3 He was despised and forsaken of men, A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; And like one from whom men hide their face He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

4 Surely our griefs He Himself bore, And our sorrows He carried; Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, Smitten of God, and afflicted.

5 But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being *fell* upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed.

6 All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all To fall on Him.

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.

8 By oppression and judgment He was taken away; And as for His generation, who considered That He was cut off out of the land of the living For the transgression of my people, to whom the stroke *was due?*

9 His grave was assigned with wicked men, Yet He was with a rich man in His death...

So the Bible is crystal clear about this, dear friends, Jesus was born to be rejected and scorned and forsaken. Jesus was born to be humiliated and attacked and tempted. Jesus was born to be an example of a Man forsaken and smitten by God, a Man familiar with oppression and ridicule. Jesus was born to die.

So we cannot view Jesus' Death on the Cross as the *end* of His Story, but as the *beginning* of our Salvation. The Death of Jesus Christ was *not* even the *end* of His Own Life; it was the very *goal* of His Life and the *beginning* of our eternal lives.

We need to see the horrific and traumatic and brutal and violent and unfair and cruel and unjust Death of Jesus on the Cross as the very *pinnacle* of the Love of God, and the highest expression of the Grace of God, and the best illustration of the Mercy of God, and the very epitome of the Tenderness and Kindness and Compassion of God, things we would not normally associate with a death by crucifixion.

So God's best and highest and fullest expression of Love and Grace and Mercy to us is *not* a new car or a raise of the job or physical healing or financial blessings or material benefits, but a screaming, bloody Man hanging between earth and heaven on a Cross held there by three nails.

And this breathtaking Spectacle was *not* the triumph of satan, it was the *ultimate* Triumph of God. When the Romans nailed Jesus to the Cross and raised it into the Judean sky on that Friday afternoon, Jesus had won. That beaten Man agonizing in death is the picture of absolute Triumph! At that moment, Jesus had won the victory over sin and over satan and over hell, death and the grave. God's Lamb dying was the single greatest Triumph the world has ever known because in that one single act all the forces of evil were forever conquered, and Salvation to unworthy sinners was paid for. And this is the fullest and best understanding of this verse in **John 12:32** where Jesus said:

And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself.

... and many times this verse is used to describe something we do now in Church or in Ministry where we sing songs that elevate Jesus, or where we preach sermons that elevate Jesus. And there is some truth to that.

But the *best* and *fullest* understanding of this verse is when Jesus Himself was raised up on the Cross by evil men for all to see, as He became a spectacle and an embarrassment and a reproach, and as He became someone God had forsaken and judged.

And so we need to understand that Jesus' entire life on the earth was lived in anticipation of the Cross. He came, He said, to give His Life a Ransom for many, (**Mark 10:45**). Jesus came to die. And so the shadow of the Cross could be seen over the manger itself because Jesus was born to offer Himself as the only Sacrifice for sin that could satisfy the Justice of God. The Death of a sinless Savior is the only Payment for sin by which God can forgive sinners. So the *totality* of Scripture points to Death of Jesus.

For example, from Adam and Eve we are taught that the sacrificial death and the shedding of innocent blood provides a covering for the guilty that satisfies God, because God totally rejects all efforts by fallen Man to cover his own nakedness by what he does for himself. And even inside the Curse that God put on the serpent, God gave the Promise of Salvation through a dead Savior when He said:

Genesis 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.

From Abel we are taught that *sacrificial* death, is the only way to please God. From Abraham we are taught that the proper Sacrifice will be provided by God Himself. From the Passover Instructions we are taught that the Sacrifice must be an *unblemished* Sacrifice. And from the centrality of all the sacrifices in the entire sacrificial system of the Old Testament, we are taught also that there has never been a final satisfactory Sacrifice, which is why they had to go on year after year after year after year until the Lamb Who comes to take away the sin of the world would come.

Jesus came to die, to be God's Sacrifice. And with the Death of our

Lord Jesus Christ, God is satisfied because a perfect Sacrifice was offered on behalf of all who believe. God poured out His Wrath on Jesus Christ after He imputed all of our sins on Him. And thus, the infinitely perfect Justice of God against our sins was forever satisfied. And that allowed God to show Mercy to all those who put their trust in Him.

This is the theme of the entirety of Scripture. And that means that the Death of Jesus was no accident. So the notion of the unbelieving and seemingly relentless critics that Jesus died an unexpected death is ludicrous. All the Old Testament pointed toward His Death. All the events of His Life pointed toward His Death. And Jesus repeatedly promised that He would die in Jerusalem at the hands of the leaders of Israel, and that He would rise again the third day.

So, God the Father planned every single detail of Jesus' Life down to the very moment so that it would unfold in perfect accord with His Will. God the Father designed the plan, God the Spirit empowered the Plan, and God the Son, Jesus Christ, enacted the Plan, doing *only* what the Father willed Him to do at the precise time that the Father willed Him to do it. So the entire time that Jesus was down here on the earth, He was on a Divine Schedule.

Now there are so many elements of the account of Christ in Scripture that show us His Deity and His miracle Power and His complete Omniscience. So many things that demonstrate conclusively that Jesus was, in fact, Deity. And none of these is more compelling and more stunning than His ability to control *everything* in His Life down to the most minute detail to accomplish precisely *what* God designed to happen, and *when* and *how* God designed it to happen.

For example, back in **Luke 7**, Jesus knew that a widow woman's only son had died in a town called Nain. And Jesus knew *exactly* how long it would take Him and the crowd that followed Him to walk there. And so Jesus timed his trip so that He would reach the gate of the city at the precise moment when the funeral procession would arrive at the gate so that He could perform the miracle that Dr. Luke recorded for us when he wrote:

Luke 7:12-16

12 Now as He approached the gate of the city, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a sizeable crowd from the city was with her.

13 When the Lord saw her, He felt compassion for her, and said to her, **"Do not weep."**

14 And He came up and touched the coffin; and the bearers came to a halt. And He said, **"Young man, I say to you, arise!"**

15 The dead man sat up and began to speak. And *Jesus* gave him back to his mother.

16 Fear gripped them all, and they *began* glorifying God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and, "God has visited His people!"

... and this also becomes clear as we watch the unfolding events in the hours just before His Death with a man carrying a water pitcher here in **Luke 22**. Jesus is once more demonstrating His Omniscience to know what was going to happen, as well as His Effectualness in making what He said come to pass. And he is doing all of this to give one more evidence of His Deity so that His disciples and those who would follow after them would believe.

Now, some might say that the Jewish leaders were in charge of Jesus' Death. Others might say that the Romans were in charge or even Satan. Still others might think that Judas was in charge. But the fact of the matter is that Jesus Himself, in His full Deity, was in complete charge and in full command of the entire situation. And that is why He could say in **John 10:17-18**:

17 "For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life so that I may take it again.

18 "No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father."

And when Jesus came to the end of His Suffering on the Cross, when He had absorbed all of God's Wrath in His infinite Suffering, Jesus died by His Own Will. And the soldiers were stunned that He was dead so early. But Jesus had to die on a specific day at a specific time. And He controlled all of that. He controlled everything, even though all the players in this drama thought they were acting with a degree of independence.

And so, there is a paradox at work here, a mystery, something that staggers our natural mind. The Death of Jesus included *two*

aspects working together in perfect harmony that are usually mutually exclusive of one another:

- A. God's Sovereignty
- B. Human Responsibility

Evil men like Judas and the Pharisees and the Sanhedrin Court and the Romans murdered the sinless Lamb of God. And the result of that wickedness is that they all are in hell today. And yet, at the same time, it was God's Will for Jesus to die, because the Death and Resurrection of Jesus displays the Glory of the Grace of God better and more fully than anything else. And both God's absolute Sovereignty and Human Responsibility in the Death of Jesus were illustrated for us when Dr. Luke quoted the Apostle Peter in his very first Sermon on the balcony of the Upper Room when he said:

The Acts 2:23

this *Man*, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put *Him* to death.

Peter says right here that godless men killed Jesus. And they killed Jesus because they *wanted* to. They voluntarily put Jesus to death. God did not force these men to do what they did. And we also need to know that satan didn't force them to do what they did, either. These men were entirely godless, and they hated Jesus, and they murdered the Prince of Life as an outflow of their evil hearts.

But, at the same time that these godless men nailed Jesus to the Cross and put Him to death, Peter is quick to point out that their actions were fulfilling the:

... predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God.

So, nobody in the history of the world has foreknown and foretold and carried out His Life and Death and Resurrection the way Jesus did. The overwhelming impact of reading the Gospel accounts of the Life of Jesus is that here is a Man Who knows what is coming, describes what is coming, and performs what is coming, according the Purpose of God foretold in Scripture, that He was sent to fulfil.

Jesus "set His Face like flint" to do everything written of Him, and He will not turn to the right hand or to the left lest a single Prediction of His Father in the Old Testament should fall to the ground.

Do you remember what Jesus said when Peter cut off Malchus' ear in the Garden the night before Jesus was crucified? In **Matthew 26:53-54**- Jesus said:

53 "Or do you think that I cannot appeal to My Father, and He will at once put at My disposal more than twelve legions of angels?"

54 "How then will the Scriptures be fulfilled, which say that it must happen this way?"

Do you see what He is saying here? *"I am carrying out the Predictions of My Father. I am governing My Life according to His Plan. And I am sovereignly guiding these affairs so that everything happens according to my Father's Plan."*

So while it may look to bystanders as though Jesus is the "victim" of betrayal and conspiracy and mob violence and mock trials and fickle governors, He wasn't. His was a "Sovereign Sacrifice". Jesus was in charge of *when* He died, *how* He died, by *whom* He died, and *when* He would rise from the dead.

Now there are two ways I want you to experience the personal impact of this in your life this morning:

1. To realize that this sovereign, intentional Sacrifice of Jesus' Life is a sacrifice for sin.
2. To realize that the saving, eternal-life-giving effect of this Sovereign Sacrifice for sin becomes yours by faith in Jesus.

1. Jesus' Death Was a Sacrifice for Sins

Jesus' Death was *not* just a model for how to endure unjust suffering that we can all follow. Jesus' Death was unique. So contrary to what several of the preachers on the Hay, Wood, and Stubble television network teach, Jesus was the *only One* Who could have died like this. For example, Kenneth Copeland and others teach that a "Born Again Man" died for sins, meaning that Jesus was a sinner Who needed to be born again, which is blasphemy. And then this false

teacher goes on in his blasphemy to say that if we had been alive back then, we could have died on the Cross and it would have been as sufficient as Jesus' Death.

So what we need to know is that Jesus' Death was a Substitutionary Sacrifice for sins. When Jesus died, He died as the perfectly innocent Son of God in the place of guilty sinners. And this is the heart of the Christian Gospel, the Good News. Here's the way the Apostle Paul put it in **1 Corinthians 15:1-3**:

**1 Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand,
2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.
3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,**

Here's the way the Apostle John said it in **1 John 4:10**:

In this is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Now the word "Propitiation" here means much *more* than merely a "substitute", as many say. It means that the Death of Jesus Christ "takes away" or *appeases* the Righteous Anger of God against our sins. So it "propitiates" God's Wrath away from those who trust in Jesus.

Here's the way the Apostle Peter said the same thing in **1 Peter 3:18a**:

For Christ also died for sins once for all, *the just for the unjust*, so that He might bring us to God...

But how did Jesus Himself view His Own Sovereign Sacrifice? In **Mark 10:45**- He said:

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

... and in **Matthew 26:28**- He said:

for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins.

So Jesus saw His Own Death not as either a random accident or as a model for us to follow. He saw it as a unique, one-time Ransom that only He could fulfill, that would set sinners free from Condemnation and obtain Forgiveness for them from God.

So that's the first thing to see about this Sovereign Sacrifice. It is a Substitutionary Offering for Sin. O, that God would help us all see our desperate need for this, above all needs in our lives! And that He would grant us to see how precious this is, to be forgiven and be justified and at peace with God by a Sovereign Sacrifice.

2. The Effect of Jesus' Sacrifice Becomes Yours by Faith in Him

Now the other thing to see that, I pray, will help you connect with this Sovereign Sacrifice is this: the saving, eternal-life-giving effect of this Sacrifice becomes yours, by faith in Jesus! So the rest of my message is aimed to help your faith. Some of you do not have faith in Jesus. Some have faith and it is very weak and wavering. Some have strong faith and can grow even stronger. My prayer is that what I show you now will bring you into faith and make your faith stronger. Because faith honors Christ, and satisfies the soul and empowers love and changes the world and brings us home to God.

Jesus said in **John 3:16**:

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

... so those who believe in Jesus do *not* perish. And those who do *not* believe *do* perish. Later in **John 3**, the Apostle John wrote:

He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.

.. and that is what it means to perish. Believing makes all the difference. You can't buy eternal life. You can't earn it. You can't deal or negotiate for it. You can only trust Jesus for it. It's a gift to those who

Trust, who believe.

Now what does today's text teach us that will help you believe? I want you to focus on what Jesus said in **Luke 22:10b-12**:

10 ... When you have entered the city, a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him into the house that he enters.

11 "And you shall say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, 'Where is the guest room in which I may eat the Passover with My disciples?'"

12 "And he will show you a large, furnished upper room; prepare it there."

Now keep in mind that this is right before the greatest event in the lives of these men. In just a few more hours from this moment, Jesus is going to be captured and put on trial and then murdered. And when this happens, every single one of these men are going to struggle with their faith in Jesus. Because how do you defeat God? How can you beat God? How can you kill God?

Surely, since Jesus is God, He would never allow Himself to be captured by evil men. And, since Jesus is God, He could simply blink His Eye and the enemies would melt. And even if they did capture Him, since He is God, Jesus will just vanish out of their sight.

But Jesus *was* captured, He *was* put on trial, He *was* beaten, and He *was* killed. And these men saw all this, and these events caused their faith in Jesus to waver.

So here, just hours before all this took place, Jesus gives one final evidence of His complete Deity; one final proof that He was fully God and fully Man in the same body at the same time, without conflict or contradiction. Here Jesus gives them precise details about a man with a pitcher of water.

So there is a Principle here. And that Principle is found in **John 13:19** where Jesus said,

From now on I am telling you before *it* comes to pass, so that when it does occur, you may believe that I am *He*.

One way that God helps us believe in Jesus is by foreknowing things that are going to happen and foretelling things that are going to happen for the purpose of awakening faith in us toward Jesus, so that

we will believe Who He really is, as the Divine Son of God, Who is the only One Who can forgive sin and rescue you from the Wrath of God.

But there is an objection that rises immediately to this. And it's actually a very common one:

Why would Jesus' Ability to foreknow and foretell the future confirm His Deity rather than confirm that He is simply another Prophet like other great prophets who could predict the future?

And there are at least five reasons why Jesus is not just another Prophet, but is the fulfillment of the Prophecies, and is the one and only Messiah Who is more than a mere Man and was God incarnate.

1. His Knowledge Was Complete

First, from **John 18:4**, Jesus' knowledge of the future was not selective, but complete, unlike the Prophets who had *occasional* insights of some things given by God. Describing Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane as the mob comes to capture him, John said:

So Jesus, knowing all the things that were coming upon Him, went forth and said to them, "Whom do you seek?"

So, this was not just Jesus asking, "*Whom do you seek?*" like we would or like a Prophet would. No, John says here that the only reason why Jesus asked the question in the first place was precisely because He already knew the answer and was assigning *culpability* to these men.

Nothing ever took Jesus by surprise. He saw it all coming and yet He chose to endure it all for our sakes. So this is not the description of an ordinary Prophet. This is John's testimony that the Jesus he knew on earth was much more than a Prophet.

Jesus knew all that was coming upon Him. And, according to John, it was because Jesus and the Father were "one" (**John 10:30**), and because "**all things that the Father has are Mine**" (**John 16:15**). So Jesus didn't have some insight on occasion and by-times. Jesus had full Omniscience with the Father as the Divine Son.

2. Details of Jesus' Life Were Foretold by God in the Old Testament

Many details in Jesus' Life are foreknown and foretold by God in the Old Testament. And the point here is that Jesus is not just another Prophet, but rather He is the very *focus* of all Prophecy. And here is just a sampling of the details about Jesus that the Old Testament predicted *hundreds* of years in advance:

- ✓ Jesus' Birth: (**Isaiah 7:14**)
- ✓ Jesus' stay in Egypt: (**Hosea 11:1**)
- ✓ Jesus' living in Nazareth: (**Isaiah 11:1**)¹
- ✓ Jesus' settling in Capernaum (**Isaiah 9:1&2**)²
- ✓ Jesus' preaching in the synagogue (**Isaiah 61:1&2**)
- ✓ Jesus' many healings (**Isaiah 53:4**)
- ✓ Jesus' speaking in parables (**Psalms 19:2; 78:2; Isaiah 6:9**)
- ✓ The unbelief of the people in response to Jesus (**Isaiah 53:1**)
- ✓ The hatred of the people for Jesus (**Psalms 69:4**)
- ✓ Jesus' riding a donkey into Jerusalem (**Isaiah 62:11; Zechariah 9:9**)
- ✓ Judas' betrayal of Jesus (**Psalms 41:9**)
- ✓ The use of Judas' money to buy a field (**Jeremiah 18:18; Zechariah 11:13**)
- ✓ The casting lots for Jesus' garment at the Cross (**Psalms 22:18**)
- ✓ Piercing Jesus' Side and not breaking His Bones (**Exodus 12:46**)

... and there are literally hundreds more. In other words, the Life and Death of Jesus is foreknown and foretold in much detail in the Old Testament, for your faith.

¹ Possibly a reference to nezer - branch - or simply because "Nazarene" was a term of reproach, Isaiah 53:2-4; see also Psalm 22:6-8; 69:11-19

² Leaving Nazareth, Jesus came and settled in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali. This was to fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles - the people who were sitting in darkness saw a great light, and those who were sitting in the land and shadow of death, upon them a light dawned"[Isaiah 9:1&2]

3. Jesus Taught that His Life Fulfilled all the Prophecies

Jesus Himself taught that all the OT Prophecies about Him would be fulfilled. In other words, we have a testimony not only that the NT writers themselves saw Jesus' Life as fulfillment of prophecy, but Jesus did, too. For example, in **Luke 22:37**- Jesus said:

For I tell you that this which is written must be fulfilled in Me, 'AND HE WAS NUMBERED WITH TRANSGRESSORS'; for that which refers to Me has *its* fulfillment.'

Jesus saw the OT Predictions of the Messiah and His Sufferings as being fulfilled in Himself.

4. Jesus Himself Foretold Details

Jesus took up the Principle of **John 13:19** and foretold numerous details of what was going to happen to Him so that we might believe when they happened. For example, in **Mark 8:31**, He said:

... the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

Jesus foresaw that His Death would be by Crucifixion in **John 3:14**:

As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up;

In **Luke 19:30**, Jesus predicted that the disciples would find an unriden colt tied when they entered the town and He told His disciples to take the animal:

Luke 19:30-31

30 saying, "Go into the village ahead of *you*; there, as you enter, you will find a colt tied on which no one yet has ever sat; untie it and bring it *here*.

31 "If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say, 'The Lord has need of it.'"

And finally, right here in **Luke 22**, when the disciples entered Jerusalem on that last Thursday, Jesus predicted in great detail that they would meet a man with the water pitcher who would have a furnished room for them to meet in **Luke 22:10b-12**:

10 ...When you have entered the city, a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him into the house that he enters.

11 "And you shall say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, 'Where is the guest room in which I may eat the Passover with My disciples?'"

12 "And he will show you a large, furnished upper room; prepare it there."

And Jesus predicted all of this so that when these things would come to pass in all of its intricate detail, we would believe that He is God, that what He says about Himself is true.

5. The Gospel Writers Treat Jesus' Predictions as Fulfilled Scripture

Jesus' Predictions about what others would do to Him were fulfilled and treated by the Gospel writers in the same language as fulfilled Scripture. One example, in **John 18:31**, Pilate says to the Jews:

John 18:31b-32

31 ..."Take Him yourselves, and judge Him according to your law." The Jews said to him, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death,"

32 to fulfill the word of Jesus which He spoke, signifying by what kind of death He was about to die.

And in **John 12:32**, Jesus prophesied that He would be "lifted up from the earth." That is, He would not be stoned, but crucified, and not by the Jews, but by the Romans. So the decisions of Pilate and the Jews on how to dispose of Jesus were a fulfillment of His Prediction.

So, here in **Luke 22**, Jesus is giving His disciples one last reason to not doubt Who He is by giving them, in great detail, the prediction of this man with a pitcher of water, and He does that so that they and those who follow them will believe that Jesus is the Son of God, and that Salvation is in His Name alone.

So Jesus calls you, who are not yet believers, to have faith in Jesus this morning, for the forgiveness of your sins and for the gift of eternal life. And He calls you, believers, to be strong. And based on all this, we have good reason to stand tall with Jesus and to live for Him this week.

Amen. Let's pray

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The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen. Be watchful and quicken your pace. Soli Deo Gloria. For the Glory of God alone.