

**RESURRECTION SUNDAY
THE NECESSITY OF ALL CHRIST DID
LUKE 24:25-27, 44-48**

Introduction

Every moment that **CHRIST** lived **HIS** life on this earth, **HE** lived it with **PURPOSE!** All that **HE** did while **HE** was on the earth was **NECESSARY!** On this **RESURRECTION SUNDAY...EASTER.** I want us to see **THE NECESSITY OF ALL THAT CHRIST DID!**

I. ALL THAT JESUS DID WAS NECESSARY TO DO HIS FATHER'S WILL! (John 6:38-40)
Everything About JESUS' Life Was Wrapped Up In HIS FATHER'S WILL!

A. As A Child JESUS Acknowledged This TRUTH!

Luke 2:49--"And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?"

B. As JESUS Ministered HE Acknowledged This TRUTH!

John 4:34--"Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work."

Luke 4:43--"And he said unto them, I must preach the kingdom of God to other cities also: for therefore am I sent."

C. As JESUS Taught HE Acknowledged This TRUTH!

John 6:38--"For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me." (See John 4:4)

D. As JESUS Reasoned With Others HE Acknowledged This TRUTH! (John 8:25-30)

John 8:29-- "And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him."

John 9:4--"I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work."

II. ALL THAT JESUS DID WAS NECESSARY TO FULFILL THE OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES CONCERNING HIM!
(See our text verses!)

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Matthew 16:21--"From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day."

A. All Of The PROPHECIES Relating To MESSIAH Had To Be FULFILLED In HIM!

Luke 22:37--"For I say unto you, that this that is written must yet be accomplished in me, And he was reckoned among the transgressors: for the things concerning me have an end." Cf. Isaiah 53:12

Matthew 26:53-54, 56 --"53 "Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels? 54 But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be? ...56 But all this was done, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled..."

B. All Of The TYPES And PICTURES Relating To MESSIAH Had To Be FULFILLED In HIM!

JESUS spoke of one of those **TYPES** to **NICODEMUS:**

John 3:14-15--"14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: 15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life."

But there were other TYPES and PICTURES that were FULFILLED in HIM!

1. **HE** Is First **PICTURED** In The Animal Slain By **GOD** To Provide A Covering For **ADAM** And **EVE** In **Genesis 3:21!**

2. **HE** Is **PICTURED** In The **RAM** Caught In The Thicket That Became The **SUBSTITUTE** For **ISAAC** On **MT. MORIAH!**

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Genesis 22:13; Cf. Hebrews 11:17-19

3. HE Is PICTURED And TYPIFIED In All The OLD TESTAMENT SACRIFICES And OFFERINGS!

Evangelist and Author Josh McDowell, in his book *“Evidence That Demands A Verdict”* states that the **OLD TESTAMENT** contains over **300** references to the **MESSIAH** that were **FULFILLED** in **JESUS CHRIST!**

For years I had a chart posted on the door to our sound room in the foyer that details **100 Old Testament Prophecies** and their subsequent **FULFILLMENT** by **CHRIST!**

Those **PROPHECIES** and along with their **FULFILLMENT** by **CHRIST** give us both confidence in the **SCRIPTURE** as well as a strong, undeniable basis for our **FAITH in CHRIST!**

ALL THAT JESUS DID WAS NECESSARY 1) TO DO HIS FATHER'S WILL...2) TO FULFILL THE OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES CONCERNING HIM...

III. ALL THAT JESUS DID WAS NECESSARY TO SAVE US FROM OUR SINS!

A. We All Came Into This World With The Same Problems!

1. The Problem Of SIN!

Ecclesiastes 7:20–“For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.”

Romans 5:12–“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:”

Romans 3:10-12–“10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: 11 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. 12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together

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become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.”

We are ALL SINNERS BY NATURE and WE ARE ALL SINNERS BY CHOICE!

The Problem Of SIN...

2. The Problem Of Condemnation Because Of SIN!

In *John 3:18*, as **JESUS** was talking to **NICODEMUS**, **HE** describes us as *“...condemned already...”*

Romans 6:23–“For the wages of sin is death...”

We All Came Into This World With The Same Problems...

B. But JESUS Became The Remedy For Our Problems!

JESUS described that remedy to **NICODEMUS**, a religious, but lost man by taking him back to **MOSES DAY** in *Numbers 21:4-9*.

JESUS told **NICODEMUS** in *John 3:14-15*–“14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so **must** the Son of man be lifted up: 15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.”

Understand that **NICODEMUS** was a man of the **LAW** and would have been very familiar with the story that **JESUS** referenced!

The point **JESUS** was making was this: Every man, woman, boy, and girl have been bitten by the fiery serpent of **SIN** and therefore are destined for **DEATH!**

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There is but **ONE WAY TO BE DELIVERED!** Look to **JESUS CHRIST** who payed the **JUDGMENT** for our **SIN** on the **CROSS OF CALVARY** and live!

JESUS had earlier told **NICODEMUS** in *John 3:7*– “Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

Now turn with me to *John 19:38-42*. (*Read it*) **JESUS** had become the **REMEDY** for **NICODEMUS’ SIN!** (And your **SIN** and my **SIN** as well!) He had seen **JESUS** on the **CROSS!** Here we read that he had helped **JOSEPH OF ARIMATHAEA** take the **BODY** of **JESUS** from the **CROSS**, prepare **HIM** for burial, and then bury **HIM** in a tomb.

The first time **NICODEMUS** came to **JESUS**, he came to **HIM** by night: *John 3:2* ...and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

JESUS knew in *John 3* that **NICODEMUS** needed to see **HIM** differently than he ever had before! **JESUS** was more than just a **RABBI** or a **TEACHER** come from **GOD** and what **NICODEMUS** saw in the life of **JESUS** was more than just **GOD** being with **HIM!**

He didn’t realize it, but he was actually seeing **GOD IN THE FLESH...EMMANUEL!** But it hadn’t clicked yet!

But when the **SAVIOR** was “*lifted up*” on that tree, no doubt, **NICODEMUS’** mind flashed back to what **JESUS** said! *John 3:14-15*–“14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so *must* the Son of man be lifted up: 15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but

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have eternal life.

That probably wasn’t the “*lifted up*” that he expected! Because...what was there left to **BELIEVE IN** once **JESUS** was dead!

NICODEMUS, as he helped prepare **JESUS’ BODY** for **BURIAL**, saw **JESUS** like he never expected to see **HIM!** **Bruised, beaten, battered, punctured, pierced, shredded and otherwise abused** to such an extent that **HE** was not even identifiable as a man and he was **DEAD!**

Isaiah 52:14– “As many were astonished at thee; His visage was so marred more than any man, And his form more than the sons of men:”

But, **NICODEMUS’** actions here in *verse 39 and 40* show that he was like **JESUS’** other **DISCIPLES** who still didn’t quite get it...**YET!**

He helped prepare **JESUS’ BODY** for **BURIAL** in the **customary manner**. What’s wrong with that? Well, **JESUS BODY** was not going to see any *corruption*...

Psalms 16:8-11 speaks of this and **PETER** referenced that **SCRIPTURE** in his sermon on the day of **PENTECOST!**

Acts 2:31

Then in just three days, something happened that should have caused **NICODEMUS** to flash back again to that first encounter with **JESUS!**

On the third day after **HIS BURIAL**, **JESUS CHRIST** came out of the **TOMB** and showed **HIMSELF ALIVE** by many infallible proofs!

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I believe then and only then did it began to make any sense.
He, **NICODEMUS**, had to look to **JESUS CHRIST** in
FAITH in order to **LIVE!**

Conclusion

Every bit of what **JESUS** did was **NECESSARY!** It was all in **HIS PLAN**
for you and me! **ALL THAT JESUS DID WAS NECESSARY**

- 1) **TO DO HIS FATHER'S WILL...**
- 2) **TO FULFILL THE OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES...**
- 3) **TO SAVE US FROM OUR SINS!**

Has there ever been a time in your life when you've seen the **CRUCIFIED**
CHRIST on the **CROSS** as the **ONE WHO SUFFERED** and **DIED** on your
behalf? What have you done with **HIM?** Has it clicked yet?

Have you **BELIEVED** in what **HE** did for you in **PAYING YOUR SIN**
DEBT on the **CROSS** and then coming out of the **GRAVE** on the third day so
that you can not only have **FORGIVENESS** but so that you can have
ETERNAL LIFE?

BELIEVE ON HIM TODAY! DON'T DELAY!