

Luke 24:13-35

"Foreshadowed & Fulfilled"

Understand that there is no book on the planet that dares to stake its veracity, its legitimacy & authenticity on its ability to tell the future in advance & if it ever misses one time, you can dismiss the entire thing... *outside of the bible*. The book of Mormon doesn't make that claim; the Koran doesn't boast that ability. Yet we read in the bible, **"Remember the former things of old, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things that are not yet done, Saying, 'My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure,'"¹** & Again, **"Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, And his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: 'I am the First and I am the Last; Besides Me there is no God. And who can proclaim as I do? Then let him declare it and set it in order for Me, Since I appointed the ancient people. And the things that are coming and shall come, Let them show these to them. Do not fear, nor be afraid; Have I not told you from that time, and declared it? You are My witnesses. Is there a God besides Me? Indeed there is no other Rock; I know not one.'"²**

God essentially throws down the gauntlet & says, "Here's how you *know* you can trust Me, how you *know* My word is true & that there is no God besides Me. I will declare the end from the beginning & tell you the future before it ever comes to pass." & We find this in scripture. Sometimes God would tell the immediate future, other times He might declare an event, decades or centuries, even millenniums in advance. & The message is this; "You can trust My word."

You see it's either all true, or *not at all* true. I have no right to pick & choose which parts I think are God's word & which parts aren't. Why? Because then I'm judging the word of God rather than taking my rightful place of God's word judging me. If I don't like some part, I just say, "God didn't say that" & now I'm the one who decides, I'm in control. God says, "No." We either take it all, or we don't take it *at all*.

But God has demonstrated the reliability & infallibility of His word time & time again through the more-sure word of prophecy. As we made mention last week, God told Daniel the prophet that from the going forth of the command to restore/rebuild Jerusalem till Messiah the Prince, there shall be 69/7 yr. periods, or (according to the Babylonian Calendar of the time 173,880 days). That was the prophecy given by God to Daniel.

Flash forward over 100 yrs. It's March 14th 445 B.C. Secular history/archaeology records for us that king Artaxerxes issues the command. The countdown begins, 173,880 days...

¹ *The New King James Version*. (1982). [Is 46:9-10]. Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

² *The New King James Version*. (1982). [Is 44:6-8]. Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

The clock runs out on April 6th 32 A.D. Daniel was telling the nation of Israel that on April 6th 32 A.D. the Messiah would reveal Himself to the nation.

It was that day when Jesus told His disciples to go into the village opposite them & there they would find a donkey's colt upon which no one had ever ridden, they were to loose it & bring it to Him. & When they brought it Him, He sat upon that colt He rode into Jerusalem on that day in the exact fashion that *Zechariah* had prophesied some 500 yrs earlier, *"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey."*³

& There was great jubilation, great celebration, people casting down their coats & palm branches before Him shouting, "Hosanna! (Save now, Save now) blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"

It was the day we refer to as "Palm Sunday". A day that God had made abundantly clear would come to pass by foretelling of it in His word.

Be that as it may, Palm Sunday (which was *last Sunday*) was not the only thing the bible foretold. There are literally over 1,000 prophecies in the O.T. alone!

Of course, the reason I point to Palm Sunday is because historically it was the week before *this* Sunday which is the day that J.C. rose from the dead! From being extolled to being executed in the course of a week & the bible speaks of it all, in advance.

Ladies and Gentlemen: the death & resurrection of Jesus was no accident; it was *ordained* from before the foundations of the earth. We learned last week (in our study of the book of Acts) that the cross wasn't perchance, as a matter of fact it was *predetermined* (Acts 4:27-28). Man was not in control at the cross, God was (& is) in control. No one took Jesus' life, He laid it down, He became sin for us that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. Why? Because He loves you. Listen, the gospel (the fact that Jesus died for our sins according to the scriptures, that He was buried, & rose again the 3rd day according to the scriptures) isn't God's way of saying, "You're a wicked sinner, stay away *from* Me." It's His way of saying, "Your sin has separated you from Me, but I love You & I'm making a way (where there was no way) by which you can be forgiven & reconciled *to* Me." (Jn 3:17)

The gospel is God's lifeline, we're all "man overboard" & perishing because of sin. God throws us a lifeline in J.C. that we might be saved.

³ *The New King James Version*. (1982). [Zec 9:9]. Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

& He loves you so much that He ordained (as Peter tells us) *from before the foundation of the world* that His Son would suffer & die & be raised again on the 3rd day, paying the penalty for our sin. & It's very easy for God to *demonstrate* that fact by simply sharing it, having it written down in advance.

& There they were (Luke 24), 2 disciples walking the road to Emmaus, it was resurrection Sunday but they were all still in a swirl, still confused & uncertain. I mean, a few ladies had told them that He had risen, but they hadn't seen Him & so... you know, who knows really? Look at Vs 13

Vs 13-16

If you're like me, you're already intrigued. Jesus drawing near *to* them, walking w/them, but they don't recognize Him... It's like, "This is gonna be good." ☺ Btw I wanna say that Jesus is w/*you* as well. If you know Him, you've given your life *to* Him, we have the promise of His word that He will *never* leave us nor forsake us, "& lo I am w/*you* always, even to the end of the age." Now we may not always *recognize* Him, but the reality is that He is w/us nonetheless.

Vs 17-24

This is a scene that we can see in our minds eye, isn't it? Jesus draws near *to* them as they speak of Him & He says, "Hey, what are you guys talking about & why are you so sad?" They're all, "Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem? You don't know the things that've been happening around here the last few days?" He's like, "What things?" ☺ He's drawing out what's happening in their hearts.

They begin to explain their understanding of Who Jesus was, the things He'd done & said, how powerfully God had used Him, but that the religious leaders had arrested Him, examined & executed Him. Then in Vs 21 we read of hopes dashed as they say, "We *were hoping*," translation? "Not anymore". "*We were hoping it was He who'd redeem Israel but it's been 3 days since all this took place & we're all reeling... There was a group of ladies who went to His tomb this morning & came back saying that some angels told them that He was alive & that freaked us out, but they didn't see Him.*"

& Jesus is in essence allowing them the opportunity to *believe* w/out having to *see*. Like you & me, will we believe based upon the reliable eye witness of others? Or not?

Vs 25-27

The bible study that we'd give anything to have that we never got recorded. Jesus, (the Living Word) taking these relatively unknown disciples through the written word.

Explaining & expounding on all the Scriptures, the things that concerned Himself. The things that the scripture foreshadowed; foretold, that He fulfilled. You see; they were ready/willing & eager to believe in *some* of the Scriptures. **They held tightfisted to the promises of the Messiah ruling the world in righteousness, breaking His enemies w/a rod of iron & dashing them to pieces like a potter's vessel. How He would liberate & set Israel free from oppression & bring to pass the fulness of God's covenant w/Abraham.**

But they couldn't reconcile those promises w/the prophecies that pertained to His suffering. Somehow, they had selective memory of the Scriptures, or simply couldn't connect the dots. So, Jesus took His time & taught them, He opened their understanding that they might comprehend the Scriptures.

He shared w/them, showed to them how God had ordained that our Savior would suffer, even from the beginning going all the way back to the fall of man. Gen Ch 3 when God promised the Seed of the woman, how He would have His heel bruised as He crushed the serpents head. That through His suffering He would render the working of Satan powerless.

He reminded them of the promised blessing to all nations through Ab & how God had Ab take his son, his only son Isaac whom he loved up on a Mt to sacrifice him to God. But as to where God stopped Ab & forbade him to sacrifice Isaac, God Himself wouldn't stop, but would sacrifice *His* only Son (whom *He* loved) upon the altar of the cross out of His great love for you & me. & How even in that was a picture of the resurrection of the Christ, Isaac going up the Mt a dead man walking, coming down the Mt alive.

He no doubt reminded them of Moses' interaction w/Pharaoh & pointed out the Passover Lamb. How the lamb w/out spot or blemish was sacrificed on the day of the Passover & it's blood was "painted" (as it were) upon the door posts & lintels (headers) of their doors & every family found under the blood of the lamb was spared the penalty of death & set free from the bondage of Egypt. It was through the blood of the Lamb that they would be saved. Perhaps He reminded them of the words of J.B. who when seeing Jesus approach him said, **"Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"**⁴ How that if *they* were to be saved, if *they* were to be spared God's wrath, the penalty of death that sin demands, that it would be through the shedding of *His* blood. & Being found under the blood of the Lamb of God, having His blood "applied" to the door of our heart.

⁴ [The New King James Version](#). (1982). [Jn 1:29]. Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

You see, these things were foreshadowed in the Scriptures, fulfilled in the Son... The entire sacrificial system of the law; teaching that apart from the shedding of blood there can be no remission, that sin demands death, but that the blood of bulls & goats is insufficient to cleanse us, or the sacrifices could've stopped once they were offered.

It takes a Man to atone for man, a human being on behalf of humanity. But all have sinned & fallen short of the glory of God, sinful man can't atone for sinful man. It's impossible for an imperfect person (of which we all are) to make a perfect sacrifice. & So God became a Man, born of a woman (fully Human), through the Spirit of God (fully God) & being God He was found w/out blemish, w/out fault, w/out sin, the Perfect Sacrifice... our "Kinsman Redeemer" as foreshadowed in the book of Ruth.

I'm sure He took them back to Ps 22, & how those words that rang from His lips (though they don't yet know it's Him who's speaking to them) from the cross were more than a cry of agony, but the unveiling of the reality of what was happening. Ps 22 is a graphic portrayal of crucifixion & a play by play of what happened at the cross 1,000 yrs before it happened or crucifixion in this manner was ever devised! & What are the 1st words of that Ps? *"My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"*⁵ Sound familiar? We read in that Ps of the ridicule He received at the cross, the overwhelming thirst He would suffer, His bones being pulled out of joint & the piercing of His hands & feet! Even of the casting of lots for His clothing is recorded 1,000 yrs in advance.

But not only was He the suffering Savior of Ps 22, He's the Good Shepherd of Ps 23. He's the Wisdom of the Proverbs, the Lover of the Song of Solomon, the Savior described by the prophets & the Suffering Servant of Isaiah 50, 52 & 53. Perhaps He quoted Isaiah 50 & Vs 6-7, *"I gave My back to those who struck Me, And My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting. "For the Lord God will help Me; Therefore I will not be disgraced; Therefore I have set My face like a flint, And I know that I will not be ashamed."*⁶ There would be no deterring Him from the cross, He set His face like a flint, not to be a Martyr, but because we needed a Savior...

Peter tried his best to get Him to avoid the cross. But do you remember what He said to him? He said, *"Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men."*⁷ He would do the will of the Father & lay His life down for the sins of the world.

⁵ *The New King James Version*. (1982). [Ps 22:1]. Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

⁶ *The New King James Version*. (1982). [Is 50:6-7]. Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

⁷ *The New King James Version*. (1982). [Mt 16:23]. Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

Let's look together at **Isaiah 53. (Read whole Ch).** I'm wanting you all to see that the cross was not the cataclysmic result of uncontrolled chaos, but the carefully calculated, meticulously orchestrated plan of God by which He would remedy the sin dilemma... It was all foreshadowed in Scripture, fulfilled in the Son.

But it didn't end w/the cross; or the suffering & death of J.C. The scriptures foreshadowed & foretold of His resurrection as well. We spoke of the picture found in Ab (the father) & Isaac (the son), & how that for 3 days as they travelled to the Mt upon which Isaac was to be sacrificed; he was as good as dead. But on the 3rd day he came off the Mt alive. It was a *picture*, a *type* of resurrection.

But the Psalmist prophesies *plainly*, "**For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption. You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**"⁸ "You will not leave my soul in Sheol (the realm of the dead), Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption (that is, His body would not decompose nor decay). You -- will show *me* the path of life (resurrection life)..."

Jesus taught us that *Jonah* was a picture of His death & resurrection. How that even as Jonah was swallowed by the great fish, taken down into the deep & brought forth alive 3 days later. Even so the Son of Man would be swallowed up in death, taken down into the heart of the earth & be raised from the dead 3 days later.

Over & over again we discover that the death & resurrection of J.C. was not an accident, it was ordained. Foreshadowed, & fulfilled. "For God so *loved the world*, that He *gave* His only begotten Son. So that whosoever would believe upon Him would never perish but have eternal life."

Well... what d'ya say we catch back up to our 2 disciples & close out our time together?

Vs 28-35

Here's the take away. Once they realized that Jesus was alive, they had a passion to proclaim the good news. They didn't delay, or wait till the next day, they made it known. Even so, if you have come to believe that J.C. has risen from the dead, don't delay, make it known. The Lord is risen, His is risen indeed!

⁸ *The New King James Version*. (1982). [Ps 16:10-11]. Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

Prayer Points:

God we thank You for the certainty of Your Word, that You foretold it, & You fulfilled it. We believe that Jesus is alive, that He has paid the penalty of our sin through the shedding of His blood & the life we've received, we received by Your grace through faith in His name. Increase our faith, give us boldness to make known the good news, He is risen indeed.

Listen, that's the message of the gospel. That Jesus has died for our sins, He was buried & He rose again the 3rd day according to the Scriptures. Now the message goes out, turn from your sin, believe on the Lord J.C. & you will be saved. We're not talking about an experience emotionally, but believing upon the Lord J.C. genuinely & you being born again, receiving a new address, eternally.

Maybe Communion talk about the picture of Moses lifting up the serpent in the wilderness.

We've been bitten by fiery serpent of sin & we're dying. But if we'll just look to J.C. believe *in* J.C. we'll be spared the penalty of death & given the gift of life by grace through faith.