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### Putting the Cross in Proper Perspective

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### The Prophecies of the Life of the Christ

1. He will be betrayed by a friend and sold for thirty pieces of silver which will then be used to buy a potter's field.

*"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 into the house of the LORD to the potter."* - Zechariah 11:13

*"So Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself. The chief priests picked up the coins and said, 'It is against the law to put this into the treasury, since it is blood money.' So they decided to use the money to buy the potter's field as a burial place for foreigners."*

- Matthew 27:5

2. He would be silent to accusations.

*"He was oppressed and afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth; He was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so He did not open His mouth."* - Isaiah 53:7

*"So again Pilate asked Him, 'Aren't you going to answer? See how many things they are accusing you of.' But Jesus still made no reply, and Pilate was amazed."* - Mark 15:4

3. He would face terrible wounds (stripes) for our sake and His death would be a vicarious sacrifice.

*"But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed."* - Isaiah 42:5

*"Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified."* - Matthew 27:26

*"You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly."* - Romans 5:6

4. He would be pierced (hands and feet).

*"And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for Him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for Him as one grieves for a firstborn son."* - Zechariah 12:10

*"Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me. They have pierced my hands and my feet."* - Psalm 22:16

*"So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord!' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it.'" - John 20:25*

5. He would be mocked by those who would see His sorrow.

*"All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads: 'He trusts in the LORD; let the LORD rescue Him. Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him.'" - Psalm 22:7,8*

*"The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at Him. They said, 'He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Christ of God...'" - Luke 23:35*

6. He would pray for those who accused Him.

*"For He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors."* - Isaiah 53:12

*"Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.' And they divided up His clothes by casting lots."* - Luke 23:34

7. The accusers would gamble for His clothing.

*"I can count all my bones; people stare and gloat over me. They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing."* - Psalm 22:17,18

*"When they had crucified Him, they divided up His clothes by casting lots. And sitting down, they kept watch over Him there."* - Matthew 27:35,36

8. He would be assigned a grave with the wicked and rich.

*"He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in His death, though He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth."* - Isaiah 53:9

*"As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, name Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him. Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock."* - Matthew 27:57-60

### Some Lessons:

1. It is not only the accuracy but also the sheer number of prophecies that is amazing to us today.

2. The incredible suffering was to appease God's wrath.

*"Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him."* - John 3:36

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