

11 PROPHETIC TRUTHS ABOUT THE CROSS OF JESUS CHRIST

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INTRODUCTION

Verse - 1 Corinthians 15:1-18

The Gospel is based not on emotions, a set of opinions, not a system of ideas, or moral principles. The Gospel is based on three facts that we find in **1 Corinthians 15**.

- VS 1- I declare to you the Gospel
- VS 3- Christ died for our sins
- VS 4- Christ was buried
- VS 4- Christ rose again on the third day

Without Jesus, there is no gospel. The Christian faith is completely different from every other faith/religion today because of a couple of things.

- It's not based upon rules (not what you can do to please God), it's all about what God has done for you.
- It is not a religion (religion is our attempt to reach God), but it's about a relationship with God that He has made available to us.
- In that relationship, God is coming and living within us and making us a brand new person, and we are made into brand new people (old, sin is gone). He takes our old life and gives us His life.
- All that is required is faith (believing, confessing) – **verse Romans 10:9**
- It's founded entirely in the person of Jesus Christ.

Everything He promised, including abundant life, and salvation was centered in not only what He said but what He did and would do. If the events didn't happen, then you can't have the Gospel.

If He only died and was buried, then as Paul said in **1 Corinthians 15:14 – then our preaching is in vain and our faith is in vain (useless, pointless) and we are miserable (VS 19)**

Jesus had to die for our sins, He had to be buried, and He had to rise again for the Gospel to be valid.

The question is how do we know it's true? Paul, in this passage from Corinthians, outlines three sources of confirmation or proof.

FIRST PROOF

Verses 5-6 - Many Reliable Witnesses

SECOND PROOF

Verses 9-10 - It is verified in personal experience.

As experienced by Paul, the Gospel declares in those who believe there will be produced a supernatural powerful experience and change that could not be generated by any other mechanism.

THIRD PROOF – Highlight of this Message

Verses 3-4 – According To the Scriptures

In the life of Christ, the Old Testament prophetic scriptures had to be fulfilled which not only verifies that Jesus is the Savior but also confirms the accuracy and truth of the Bible.

We see in the OT prophets predicted many of the events in the life of Jesus with 100% accuracy.

Examples:

-Micah (500 years) said that Jesus would be born in Bethlehem.

-Zechariah (500 years) said that Jesus would enter Jerusalem riding on a donkey and the colt of a donkey.

-Isaiah (700 years) said the Jesus would be born to virgin.

These had to happen in the life of the Messiah according to the scriptures, which were fulfilled by Jesus. It was the same for the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus.

Verse - 1 Peter 1:10-12

The good news of salvation was the theme of many OT prophets. The OT prophets predicted this grace that was going to come by what Jesus did.

According to **1 Peter**, the Holy Spirit revealed or spoke of two things concerning Christ the Messiah: the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow out of His sufferings.

Jesus said about the Holy Spirit – **verse John 15:26**

The Holy Spirit bore witness to the OT prophets that Jesus would suffer and the glories that would come out of His sufferings.

1- The Rejection of Jesus by the Jewish People

Verses - Isaiah 53:1-3

Verses - John 12:37-38 - The unbelief of the Jews

2- Jesus Was Silent Before His Accusers

Verse - Isaiah 53:7

Verse - Mark 15:5

3- The Soldiers Divided His Garments and Cast Lots for His Clothing

Verses - Psalm 22:17-18

Verse - John 19:23

4- Not One Of His Bones Would Be Broken

Verse - Numbers 9:12

Verses - John 19:31-37

5- They Would Pierce His Hands And Feet

Verse - Psalm 22:16

Remember doubting Thomas – Verse - John 20:25

Jesus revealing Himself to the disciples after He rose again – Verse - Luke 24:39

6- He Would Be Whipped/Scourged

Verse - Isaiah 53:5

Verse - John 19:1

7- They Would Offer Him Vinegar (Sour Wine) To Drink

Verse - Psalm 69:21

Verse - Matthew 27:34 and 48

8- Jesus Will Die As A Sacrifice For Our Sins (Glories)

The Bible says for the Joy that was Set Before Him – He endured the Cross

Verses - Isaiah 53:5-6 and 8 and 12

Verse - 1 Peter 2:24

Verses - 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

9- Jesus Was Buried In A Rich Man's Tomb

Verse - Isaiah 53:9 - It was planned for Him to be buried with the criminals, but God overruled, and He was with the rich at His death.

Verses - Matthew 27:57-60

10- Raised from the Dead

Verse - Psalm 16:10

Verse - Matthew 28:5-6

11- Christ Would Be Seated At The Right Hand Of God (Glories)

Verse - Psalm 110:1

Verses - Hebrews 10:12-13

CLOSING

Jesus is the Saviour we can trust in. He came to give us life and so that we might not perish.

Verse - John 10:10

Verses - John 3:16-17