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Messianic passages flow through the entire Word of God.

Read Psalm 2 and see if you don't see Jesus Christ all through it. This was written ~3,000 years ago. It is as current today as it was when it was written.

**Psalm 2:1 Why are the nations in an uproar
And the peoples devising a vain thing?**

**Psalm 2:2 The kings of the earth take their
stand And the rulers take counsel together
Against the Lord and against His Anointed,
saying,**

**Psalm 2:3 “Let us tear their fetters apart And
cast away their cords from us!”**

**Psalm 2:4 He who sits in the heavens laughs
(that is God laughing), The Lord scoffs at them.**

**Psalm 2:5 Then He will speak to them in His
anger And terrify them in His fury, saying,**

**Psalm 2:6 “But as for Me, I have installed My
King Upon Zion, My holy mountain.”** (which the
UN denies, but it will always be His holy
mountain)

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Psalm 2:7 “I will surely tell of the decree of the Lord: He said to Me (this is Jesus Christ speaking), ‘You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.

Psalm 2:8 ‘Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance, And the very ends of the earth as Your possession.

Psalm 2:9 ‘You shall break them with a rod of iron, You shall shatter them like earthenware.’”

Psalm 2:10 Now therefore, O kings, show discernment; Take warning, O judges of the earth.

**Psalm 2:11 Worship the Lord with reverence
And rejoice with trembling.**

Psalm 2:12 Do homage to the Son, that He not become angry, and you perish in the way, For His wrath may soon be kindled. How blessed are all who take refuge in Him!

This is the glory of Christ. Now look at Psalm 22:1 What did Christ have to pay for that.

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Remember, people, love costs. Nothing will will make greater demand on your life than to love as Christ loved. It cost Him the cross.

Psalm 22:1 My God, my God, why have You forsaken me? Far from my deliverance are the words of my groaning.

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? What a contrast between the first verse of Psalm 22 and Psalm 2 where He is exalted.

Understanding that the Bible is about Jesus Christ, the son of God, God's only anointed to be the savior of all mankind. To be God's representative to planet Earth.

Old Testament prophecies speak of Him: Of His first Advent and His second entrance into human history. If you or anyone you run into doubts the Bible as the word of God think of two issues.

1. All that is said of Jesus Christ that became reality in history. He would be born of a virgin, born in Bethlehem, over and over. Of 55 promises, prophecies, related to His birth that came to fruition, came to reality in history.
2. Ask them about the Jews. From Ester and Haman they wanted to kill them, get rid of them. Satan tried his best during World War II. And they are still here. Not only are they here but they are multiplying! What is it about the Jews, the people of God? They have been with us now for 4,000 years. With all this evidence, I am sorry to say, that fewer and fewer people in the great country of America believe in the divine inspiration and infallibility of this

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book. So few truly believe in it any longer. Even fewer believe that Jesus is the only way of salvation. I played you the video clip of one of our past presidents, George Bush, saying, “I believe that Muslims and Christians worship the same God.” That’s the way most people think. He is not unique to most people, to the world.

Psalm 22 deals with the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. Psalm 22 is called by some, the psalm of the cross. And the only ones that understand the uniqueness of Christ will spend eternity in heaven with Him. That He came and died on the cross, taking our place, providing the way of salvation, giving everything for us. In the next week, next Sunday, Christians, and some non-Christians will celebrate the death, burial, resurrection, ascension and session of Jesus Christ. I am not going to get into an argument. Was it this time of year? Was it some other time? Was it last month in reality? Or was it next month? The fact that Christians around the whole world are our relatives in Christ are going to celebrating Jesus Christ. Celebrating who and what He is. Psalm 22 deals with the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. It is called by some people, the Psalm of the Cross.

It is not only important that you believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross, but why He died on the cross. Why He died on the cross. Jesus Christ died twice on that cross: He died spiritually, then He died physically. It was his spiritual death that paid for the judgement of our sins. Then he died physically.

Pastors and preachers will wax eloquently next Sunday, this Sunday, through the week, stimulating emotions describing His physical suffering on the cross. And while what they say is true, it is His spiritual death that

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paid for the judgment of our sins. Through history, even the brief history of America many have died truly physically for us on the battlefields, in fires right here in our own land. They died for us physically. And people, they could not die for us spiritually. They were not qualified. There was only one through all history who was qualified to die for us. Only Jesus Christ, born of a virgin made pregnant by the Holy Spirit has been born into the human race spiritually alive and therefore qualified to die spiritually. Dying physically would have been wonderful. But every Veteran's Day and for me every 4th of July, every Memorial Day, I think of men and women through the history of this nation who died on battlefields for me, physically. They didn't know me but they died for me. They died for my freedom. I value that. I love that. I appreciate that. I salute them. They didn't die spiritually. Only one could do that.

Psalm 22 is the most quoted Old Testament passage in the New Testament. Only Isaiah 53 is quoted as many times as Psalm 22. This means that five verses in Psalm 22 and five verses in Isaiah 53 are fulfilled in Christ's crucifixion, burial and resurrection. Psalm 22, 5; Isaiah 53, 5 times they are quoted in the New Testament.

In the first verse we learn of the unique death of Jesus Christ on the cross. There are a multitude of people ready to die physically. People, I am thankful. I am not just thankful on special days, but all the time for men and women who wear the uniform of this country. And when I see them on the street and in the airport, or wherever, I just want to go up and thank everyone of them. For wearing the uniform. Because they could be called right now to die. They could get the orders, front and center, take up arms, get ready to die, to kill. I appreciate that. I appreciate that

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greatly. But here we are looking at the death of Jesus Christ. And Jesus Christ is ready to die spiritually for us. For 1,000 years before it became reality, before His crucifixion, it prophesied what He would say while hanging on the cross.

Look at Psalm 22:1

Psalm 22:1 My God, my God, why have You forsaken me? Far from my deliverance are the words of my groaning.

This will be fulfilled as recorded, when Jesus Christ was on the cross for six hours. Now, let us get an idea of what is going on.

From 9AM to noon, in that three hours, He was crucified physically. He suffered physically from 9 till noon. But, He was able to speak to his mother (woman, behold your son) and to John (behold your mother) and to the thief who believed (today you shall be with me in Paradise) and to God the Father (forgive them). So, He was cognizant while he was suffering physically.

Then something happened. The sky went dark. It was noon. It turned black. Darkness at noon. It covered the whole area of Golgotha. Why? Because Jesus Christ was about to start dying for the judgment of the sins of the world and God the Father did not want anyone to see. No one was allowed to witness His dying for our sins, not even angels. So, He covered the cross in darkness. When Jesus Christ started dying spiritually for us, He cried out the words, **“My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?** Not a physical death. Not physical suffering. God doesn't forsake in physical suffering. But the death He was suffering was

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spiritual death. Where God the Father was putting on Him starting the judgment for the sins of the World. You know about spiritual death already. Where do we first learn of spiritual death in the Bible? In the beginning with Adam and Eve.

Look in your Bibles at Genesis 2:16.

Genesis 2:16 The Lord God commanded the man, saying, “From any tree of the garden you may eat freely;

Genesis 2:17 but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die.”

Surely die. Qal Infinitive Absolute followed by a Qal Imperfect of the same verb, to die. It is correctly translated **to die, you shall die, or dying you shall die**. Here is spiritual death followed by physical death. Dying, right now, that moment in the Garden. Dead. Spiritually they died immediately; then physically they will die. For Adam and Eve, spiritual death was immediate while the spiritual death of Jesus was prolonged for three hours in suffering. From noon until three in the afternoon. Remember, God darkened the sky so no one could see His Son in this judgment.

Isaiah 53:9 makes it clear about the two deaths where “death” is in the plural. From noon to three is where He paid for our sins. And that is when He started crying out, out of the darkness, “My God, My God, why

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have you forsaken me?” He didn’t forsake Him in physical death, but in spiritual He did. These words were prophesied some one thousand years before they were fulfilled.

We have record of their fulfillment in Mark 15:34

Mark 15:34 At the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?” which is translated, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”

Why indeed? Why indeed? He is guilty of no sin. That is just amazing. Whatever age He was when He was on the cross, He lived that time with no sin. Not even a mental attitude sin. He never hit His finger while He was in the carpentry shop and said some undesirable words. He got angry at no one. No mental attitude sin; no sin of the tongue. And yet He is being judged for sins. Why indeed is He being forsaken? Because He is dying for every member of the human race. He is dying for you, for me, for every member of the human race.

It is also recorded in fulfillment in Matthew 27:46:

Matthew 27:46 About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?” that is, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”

The exact words are fulfilled on the cross.

Back to Psalm 22. Let’s look at a thousand words before historical reality in Jesus Christ. Read verses 2-6.

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Psalm 22:7 All who see me sneer at me; They separate with the lip, they wag the head, saying,

Note the three indignations of our Lord in His suffering:

1. They sneer at me. The KJV, “they laughed at me.” The Hebrew word means to deride, to scorn, to mock, to ridicule. What is interesting is that this is in a causative Hiphiel. Let me explain the importance to you. It means they are caused to mock Him. That is what is remarkable here. They are caused to sneer at Him. Question: Why are they caused to mock Him. Why are they caused to sneer at Jesus dying on a cross? Because this is their attitude toward Him. Your attitude directs your thinking, your actions, the way you speak about others as you do. And what was their thinking about Jesus as He hung on the cross before their eyes?

Isaiah 53:4 Surely our griefs He Himself bore, And our sorrows He carried; Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

Because He deserved it. As we looked at Him up there, He deserved it. Like we would do with a criminal. We know He was guilty. A pedophile and murderer. We rattle our tongue at Him. You get what you deserve. That is what they did to our Savior. You deserve to be smitten of God. Afflicted by God. No go back to Isaiah 53.

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2. Stricken – He received being touched by God, in judgment of our sins.
3. Smitten – emphasizes pain, the suffering of sin. And here without going into the Hebrew, we simply express three ideas of the Hebrew causative:
 - a) He was caused to be smitten because He voluntarily went to the cross for all mankind.
 - b) And this being smitten was to satisfy the desired plan of God the Father. Who put Him on the cross? The Jews, yes; the Romans, yes; God the Father, absolutely. God the Father put Him on that cross for us. In this way He loved the world that He gave up his only begotten Son (from John 3:16, revised translation). That is what we are reading right now for the payment of the sins of the world which we could not pay for. People, we were spiritually dead. Nothing we could do. Righteousness cannot come out of unrighteousness. You can be as righteous as ritualistic as you want. Nothing good is going to come out of it before God. And then,
 - c) Afflicted, stresses that He was humbled on the cross. Now you can think about this. Can you add repentance? Can you add baptism? Can you add confession to stricken, smitten and afflicted for our sins? And you come along and say, “I want to be dipped in water. I want to add my feeling sorry.” Don’t do that. Don’t blaspheme God. Don’t belittle Christ’s suffering. Don’t do

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that. Just leave it alone and trust Him. That is all that you and I can do for the suffering He paid for us.

Psalm 22:8 “Commit yourself to the Lord (God the Father); let Him (God the Father) deliver him (deliver Jesus Christ from hanging on the cross); Let Him (God the Father); rescue him (Jesus Christ), because He (God the Father) delights in him (God the Son) (that His Son suffers on the cross).”

Why should God the Father deliver Jesus Christ from the cross? Why should He rescue Him from the suffering of the sins of the world on the cross? You know why? Because He delights in Him. He delights in seeing His Son suffering for the sins of the world. He sent His son to do that. Why in the world would I take Him off the cross when that is my delight. God the Father’s delight is that His Son is suffering. Why would He take Him off. Why would He deliver Him. They don’t understand. These sarcastic remarks of people reveal they do not understand. Sometimes we need to be very careful of what comes out of our mouths. Do we understand what is going on here? Do you understand what a mother or father have to go through when their children are this or that? Do you understand what a parent goes through when their son or daughter dies on a battlefield? Do you understand these things that people go through? I love Whittaker Chambers in his book “Witness” because he said “When words do not suffice between my sons and I, we choose silence. That is all we can do, is silence.” These people, “Commit yourself to the Lord. Let Him deliver Him. Let Him rescue Him. Let Him

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delight in Him.” And they do not even understand what is going on. They do not understand. And before we leave verse 8, let’s note a twist. Instead of God the Father delivering Jesus Christ off the cross, Jesus Christ was delivering us from the suffering of the cross. Instead of Jesus Christ being rescued from the suffering for sins, Jesus Christ has rescued us from the suffering for our sins. The only ransom anyone will suffer throughout all history is because they made a permanent decision not to believe in the love of God in Jesus Christ as their savior. And they will suffer not because of their sins. Sins are paid for! For every unbeliever. They are not going to suffer for one sin. To say they are going to suffer for their sins is to blaspheme the cross. They are going to suffer because they rejected the love of God.

Let’s jump down to verse 17 in Psalm 22:

Psalm 22:17 I can count all my bones (He feels the pain in every bone of His body on the cross).
They look, they stare at me;

Verses, 7, 8 and 17 are definitely Messianic. How do we know they are Messianic? Is that just something I came up with? Something that some of us want to hold onto? No, we know they are Messianic because of their fulfillment. There is historical fulfillment. Look at Mark 15

Mark 15:29 Those passing by were hurling abuse at Him, wagging their heads, and saying, “Ha! You who are going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days,

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Mark 15:30 save Yourself, and come down from the cross!”

People, please understand, he could easily come down off the cross. Not only that, in reference to our special hymn, but He could have called 10,000 angels to come and wipe out everyone. “You wag your little tongue at me. I’m going to have angels put you in, put you under.” He didn’t do it. He could have. But He chose to stay up there in physical and spiritual suffering for you and me, paying for the judgment of all of our sins.

Mark 15:31 In the same way the chief priests (these are the religious leaders) **also, along with the scribes** (also religious teachers), **were mocking Him among themselves and saying, “He saved others; He cannot save Himself.**

Mark 15:32 Let this Christ, the King of Israel, (He is the anointed and the King of Israel, but they do not believe it. This is said in sarcasm. But what they speak is truth.) **now come down from the cross, so that we may see and believe!”** (If He comes down off the cross, then there is no benefit for believing. Do you get it? If He comes down off the cross, He accomplishes nothing. Don’t believe in Him. The issue on the cross is not that He is King of Israel. The issue on the cross is

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that He is the anointed Savior. And if he comes down off that cross, He does not fulfill His anointment. He doesn't fulfill His purpose. So we don't believe in Him.) **Those who were crucified with Him were also insulting Him.** (They are suffering with Him and they are insulting Him.)

Let's turn to Matthew chapter 27:

Matthew 27:31 After they had mocked Him, they took the scarlet robe off Him and put His own garments back on Him, and led Him away to crucify Him.

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Matt 27:39 And those passing by were hurling abuse at Him, wagging their heads

Matt 27:40 and saying, "You who are going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days (very quickly, you know that is not what He said. He was talking about His own body. That is the temple He would destroy and bring it back in three days, the resurrection, not a building over here. It, the physical temple, will be destroyed in one day. And it has already taken over two thousand years to get it rebuilt.) , **save Yourself!**

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If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross.”

It is because He is the Son of God that He doesn't come down off the cross.

Matt 27:41 In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders (these are your religious leaders), were mocking Him and saying,

Matthew 27:42 “He saved others; He cannot save Himself (said in derision). He is the King of Israel; let Him now come down from the cross (that isn't the issue on the cross. Because He died on the cross and rose again God brought Him up to heaven and made Him king. Psalm 2 – This is My Son in whom I am well pleased. Sit thou at my right hand), and we will believe in Him. (Again, it will be of no value if He comes down off the cross.)

Matthew 27:43 He trusts in God; let God rescue Him now, if He (God the Father) delights in Him (for staying on the cross); for He said, ‘I am the Son of God.’” (Again, it is because Jesus stays on the cross that God delights in Him

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because He suffered for our sins. If He had come down off the cross, and He could have, God would not have delighted in Him. But because He stayed on the cross, God delights in Him.)

Luke 23:35 And the people stood by, looking on. And even the rulers were sneering at Him, saying, “He saved others; let Him save Himself if this is the Christ of God, His Chosen One.”

They don't see it. They don't even understand their words. They don't even understand what they are saying. “If He is the anointed of God to die, let him come off the cross.” Why? If He is anointed of God, appointed of God to die and they understand that about the anointed one, then they would think, He needs to stay up there. I would love it if Scripture would have rewarded one of these religious leaders would have fallen on his knees at that moment and said “He is the Son of God. Thank you. I believe in Him. But not one. They didn't even hear their words. Take some time before you talk. Think about what you are saying. So look at these words. If this is the Christ, the Anointed of God, His chosen one to suffer, that is why He is up there suffering. Don't you get it? Don't you get what you are saying? He is the only one chosen by God for eternal salvation. The only one! Not Muhammad. Not Buddha. Not anyone. He is the only one chosen by God to suffer, pay the debt, provide the way for all people to be saved forever. You and I take this for granted sometimes. We just live very peacefully. I'm sure all of you are all like

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me. I don't worry about dying. When I die, I know where I'm going. It's gain! Everyday we ought to thank Him. Thank Him for this calmness in our souls. Thank Him for this assurance, this hope, this confidence that we enjoy every day. And we are not worried about it. Because He suffered; He didn't come down. He stayed upon the cross.

Luke 23:36 The soldiers (the Romans) also mocked Him, coming up to Him, offering Him sour wine,

Luke 23:37 and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!" Now we expect this from the heathens.

This is their idea of a king. A king dying on a cross is not a king. If you are really a king, you come down off the cross and kill all of us. That is their idea. I expect this from them. They are heathens, unbelievers and Romans. Strong Romans believe in a king. So I expect them to say this. If you are a king, show yourself to be a king. Come down and deliver yourself.

Luke 23:38 Now there was also an inscription above Him, "THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS."

Luke 23:39 One of the criminals who were hanged there was hurling abuse at Him, saying, "Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!"

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Are you not the anointed. Anointed to do what? Die for the sins of the world. It's in the Old Testament. Again, you have to know that He is the Christ and what that means. What it means to you that He is your savior, what it means that He is your friend. Things don't go your way in life, do you relate to Him as your friend? God is your friend. Nothing in this world should be so disheartening to us. Nothing in this world should take life out of us. My friend Jody Brown did a funeral yesterday – a 25 year old killed himself by overdosing on drugs in Houston. What a tragedy! 25! To me that is hardly born, ready to hit life. He decides he is through with it, through with life. Through with it. What a shame! People, don't let anything that happens to you in life – you lose everything, property, friends, husband, wife, wealth, everything, health. You still have Christ as your friend. Value that. Let that give you peace. Don't ridicule Him. If you were really my friend, you would help me. Don't do that. He is helping you. Giving you peace. To know what is going on.

Let's move on to the next Messianic passage that was prophesied 1,000 years before the cross. That He would be thirsty during His execution Psalm 22:15. 1,000 years before it happened. Unbelievable details. How can you not see this. It has to be of God who know the beginning from the end.

**Psalm 22:15 My strength is dried up like a
potsherd, And my tongue cleaves to my jaws;
And You lay me in the dust of death.**

Historical fulfillment in John 19

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John 19:28 After this, Jesus, knowing that all things had already been accomplished, to fulfill the Scripture, *said, “I am thirsty.”

We are nearing the end of suffering. He has paid the penalty of spiritual death. Now it is back to the physical suffering. We are nearing the end of His physical suffering on the cross. And now He has the total mind control. He knows prophecy stated about Him 1,000 years ago. And so to fulfill the prophecy, He uttered the words, “I am thirsty.”

Another fulfillment 1,000 years before the fulfillment was in Psalm 22:16

Psalm 22:16 For dogs have surrounded me; A band of evildoers has encompassed me; They pierced my hands and my feet.

For fulfillment, 1,000 years later look at John 19:

John 19:34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.

John 19:35 And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you also may believe.

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John 19:36 For these things came to pass to fulfill the Scripture, “Not a bone of Him shall be broken.”

John 19:37 And again another Scripture says, “They shall look on Him whom they pierced.”

Prophecy is also fulfilled in old doubting Thomas. Let's look at John chapter 20:

John 20:25 So the other disciples were saying to him (Thomas), “We have seen the Lord!” (buried and resurrected) But he (Thomas) said to them, “Unless I see in His hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe (in the resurrection. Thomas was pretty tough. He must have been the first Missourian.).”

John 20:26 After eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus *came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst and said, “Peace be with you.”

John 20:27 Then He *said to Thomas (here is grace; here is love), “Reach here with your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your

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hand and put it into My side; and do not be unbelieving, but believing.” (historical reality)

Another prophecy. An amazing one. It is amazing that 1,000 years before it is prophesied that soldiers would cast their lots for his clothing. That is just remarkable. You don't just dream this stuff up.

Psalm 22:18 They divide my garments among them, And for my clothing they cast lots.

Do you see this? This means that two things have to happen here: a) the garments have to be divided among them and then b) cast lots for His clothing. Two things have to happen to His clothing here if you read this correctly. This is amazingly fulfilled 1,000 years later in:

Matthew 27:35 And when they had crucified Him, they divided up His garments among themselves by casting lots.

John 19:23 Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His outer garments and made four parts, a part to every soldier and also the tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece.

John 19:24 So they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, to decide whose it shall be”; this was to fulfill the Scripture: “They divided My outer garments

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among them, and for My clothing they cast lots.”

John 19:25 Therefore the soldiers did these things.

This is unbelievable. A Thousand years before it happened it was prophesied. People that don't believe the Bible and you show them these things, all they can say is I don't understand it. You know why? Because they reject the simplicity. You reject the obvious. It is obvious this is fulfillment. And who would know that? God! This is the word of God. This is to be believed. This is the book you give your children. Here is the legacy you give them. Don't worry about house, property, land. Give them this book to be their life and you have given them a treasure far greater than anything else. This is what you give them.

Now in Isaiah 53 it is prophesied that he would be buried with the rich which is exactly what will happen. At His physical death after His spiritual death He died physically. For the payment of the sins of the world, He died spiritually; then He died physically. The rich man, Joseph of Arimathea who secretly believed in this Jesus, did what he did. He went to Pilate and asked permission to take Jesus down and give Him a burial. What Pilate did was secure from the guard, "Is He dead?" I don't want them coming back saying that He was alive. The guard securing Him said, "He is dead." Pilate looked at Joseph of Arimathea, "He is yours. I am glad to get rid of Him. Get Him out of here. Joseph of Arimathea and old Nikodemus took Jesus Christ's body down from the cross. No women; no mother Mary. Joseph of Arimathea and Nikodemus took His body down; carried it quickly not far from the cross; cleaned it

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up a little bit; puts some herbs on Him; put a robe on Him and put Him in the grave that was designed for Joseph of Arimathea. Rich people have really nice places to put their bodies in. Even today really nice burial, nice tombstone. All of this kind of thing. Joseph of Arimathea wanted his body taken care of. So they went over and dug this beautiful hole in the mountain. Dug it out. I don't know if it the Garden Tomb is where Christ was buried or not, but it is like that. It is a beautiful rendition. They took Him in, cleaned Him. Then they took a big stone and they rolled the stone over it so no one could get that body. Nobody could get to the treasures of a rich man, the tomb robbers. No tomb robbers. Close it all up and leave it secure. Joseph of Arimathea had it all worked out. Jesus Christ was buried in the tomb of a rich man. So He was left in the grave. He will remain in the grave three days and three nights. I apologize to Jesus Christ. We are going to leave Him there for a week. And we will come back in a week to take a look at the resurrection of our Savior.