

Promises Made, Promises Kept, Part 3

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Text: Isa 52:14; 53:5

Introduction Summary

The suffering of Jesus was all in God's plan of salvation for mankind. It was prophesied in Isaiah. Every detail of Jesus' suffering was foretold and then fulfilled, as we will see in this teaching. It happened to save us from eternal death, and to give us eternal life. Thank You, Jesus!

- I. John 18:1-3: Judas showed up with a band of men and officers with lanterns, torches and weapons (swords and staves).
 - A. *Multitudes* (Gk. ochlo) means *a throng, a riot, company, number* (Mat 26:47).
 - B. When Jesus said, "I Am," they fell to the ground (John 18:4-6).
 - C. *That it might be fulfilled*: The reason for this series, Promises Made Promises Kept, is that God had a specific plan. (John 18:9-14).
- II. Mark 14:43: The great multitude: A great multitude was expected at the festival of the Passover. Josephus says a band of Roman soldiers was commanded to keep watch at the porches of the temple to repress an uprising, lest there be disorder. They were stationed mainly at the Tower of Antonia, at the northwest side of the temple. At times the governor would allow the high priest to use his troops to keep order. The Sanhedrin also had its own police which were not as well equipped. The Roman soldiers were armed with full battle dress, including swords and spears. This group had clubs and lanterns for a night search. The servants of the chief priests and even members of the Sanhedrin were there. There were hundreds of armed people.
- III. Mat 26:53: A Roman legion was comprised of 6,000 infantry and specialized troops, such as, horsemen and archers. Jesus was saying He could call 72,000 angels to deliver Him (i.e. $6,000 \times 12 = 72,000$).
- IV. Mat 26:51-59: The Sanhedrin was comprised of 71 members. There were members of the high priests' forces, elders and their servants—several hundred people. There were representatives of every town and village.
 - A. One angel killed 185,000 Assyrian men (2 Kings 19:35)!
 - B. No one had enough power to take Jesus, because no one is greater than Him.
- V. Mat 26:61-66: The high priest was appalled.
- VI. Mat 26:67: One by one *they* spit in His face. This went on all night.
 - A. *Buffeted* (Gk. kolaphizo) means *to rap with the fist (punch)*.

- B. They wanted to take away His dignity and they wanted Him to suffer.
- C. *Smote* indicates the palms of the hands. *Smote* (Gk. rhapizo) means *to slap*.
- D. Mark 14:65: The “others” (servants) spit on Him and covered His face.

VII. Mat 27:1-2-5 references prophecy (Mat. 20:19).

- A. Mat. 27:3: *Repent* (Gk. metamellomai) means *to care afterwards, regret*.
- B. You don’t want to get involved in sin.
- C. This was done to satisfy justice. A sinless man, Jesus, of His own volition paid the price for sin just for you.

VIII. Mat. 27:11-13: Pilate questioned Jesus, but He would not answer.

- A. Jesus demonstrated what it means to *fight the good fight of faith* (1 Tim. 6:11-12).
- B. Hold fast to your confession of faith in front of the government.

IX. Mat. 27:19-25: God always warns.

X. Mat. 27:25: His blood be on us and our children (Luke 23:28).

- A. It was fulfilled 40 years later in AD 70 (Mat. 24:19).
- B. Romans came in and killed almost everyone in Jerusalem.
- C. Watch what you say. Words are your passport through this life.

XI. John 19:1-15: *Scourged* (Gk. phragelloo) means *to whip, lash as a public punishment*.

- A. Death on a cross was a Roman punishment. They stripped the condemned person, and bound him to a post. First, two strong men scourged him with rods of thorns. Then two others scourged him with whips full of knots. Lastly, two more used whips of wire, rocks and bone and tore off the flesh of his back and sides.
- B. Jewish law allowed only 39 stripes (2 Cor. 11:24).
- C. Roman law had no limit. Many died at the whipping post.
- D. It was a miracle that Jesus remained alive. The prophecies are as follows:
 - 1. He didn’t dodge the blows (Psa. 129:3; Isa 50:6).
 - 2. He did that because of you and me (Isa. 53:5). That was for coronavirus.
- E. Pilate was hoping the beating would satisfy the people. Instead, the people condemned Jesus to death (600-1200 soldiers).

XII. Mat. 27:26-31: They mocked Him and spit on Him, even more.

- A. Crucifixion was for two types of people: slaves and the worse criminals.
- B. In Philippians 2:5, *servant* means *slave*. Jesus was made into the form of a slave.
- C. Jesus created man, yet He allowed man to humiliate Him.

XIII. Isa. 53:12: He was numbered with the transgressors—the worse of the worse.

- A. This was a prophecy fulfilled.
- B. Jesus did it so that everyone could choose to be born again through His blood.

Closing Summary

Jesus took that horrible punishment in your place. Let’s always be grateful for His ultimate sacrifice. He was made to be sin, so that we could be made the righteousness of God. Yes, because we received Jesus as our Lord, we are made

righteous. But, never forget, that our righteousness is only in Christ Jesus! Thank You, Jesus!