
^[14] *I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax; it is melted within me. ^[15] My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaves to my jaws; and You do lay me in the dust of death. ^[16] For dogs have surrounded me; a band of evildoers has encompassed me; they pierced my hands and my feet. ^[17] I can count all my bones. They look, they stare at me....*

[Psalms 22:14-17]

In Today's PROPHETIC look into the crucifixion of the *Messiah-Christ*, please focus on the last clause in Psalm 22:16 where king David PROPHETICALLY said of Jesus,
they pierced my hands and my feet.

The Holy Spirit also moved the prophet Zechariah to PROPHECY in 12:10 that the LORD God said,
^[10] *“And I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, SO THAT THEY WILL LOOK ON ME WHOM THEY HAVE PIERCED; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him, like the bitter weeping over a first-born.”*

We begin to see the FULFILLMENT of these PROPHECIES in John 19:36-37 where, referring to the Crucifixion of Jesus, the *Messiah-Christ*, the Holy Spirit moved John to declare,

^[36] *For these things came to pass, that the Scripture might be FULFILLED...*

^[37] ... *“THEY WILL LOOK ON HIM WHOM THEY PIERCED”.*

Then in John 20 you are given a witness to the reality of Jesus' flesh being pierced. After Jesus' resurrection, You learn in John 20:19 that,

^[19] *When therefore it was evening, on that day, the first day of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst, and said to them, “Peace be with you.”*

Notice what Jesus then did in John 20:20 which says that,

^[20] ... *when He had said this, He SHOWED THEM BOTH His HANDS and His side. The disciples therefore rejoiced when they saw the Lord.*

Now listen closely. *“Thomas , one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came”* to them that first time [John 20:24]!

Then, according to John 20:25,

^[25(a)] *The other disciples therefore were saying to [Thomas], “We have seen the Lord!”*

^[25(b)] *But [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.”*

Now, In John 20:26-28 you see the love of the Lord for all of His disciples; both those who believe and those who are doubtful. Here, in John 20:26 you learn,

^[26] ... *after eight days again His disciples were inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst, and said, “Peace be with you.” ^[27] Then*

He said to Thomas, "Reach here your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand, and put it into My side; and BE NOT UNBELIEVING, but BELIEVING."

To this,

^[28] *Thomas answered and said to Him, "MY LORD and MY GOD!"*

Now hear the lesson of this PROPHECY MADE and PROPHECY FULFILLED in John 20:29 where,
^[29] *Jesus said to him, "**BECAUSE** YOU HAVE SEEN Me, HAVE YOU BELIEVED? BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DID NOT SEE, and YET BELIEVED."*

I now need to ask you to take some time and think. Take time to think about which camp you are in. Are you a 'Thomas' who needs the evidence before you can believe? Or are one who has not seen the Lord and yet believe? Remember, Hebrews 11:1 still teaches you that,

^[1] *"FAITH is the ASSURANCE of things HOPED for; the CONVICTION of THINGS NOT SEEN."*

Also remember, Romans 10:17 still teaches you that,

^[17] *... FAITH comes from HEARING, and hearing by the WORD of Christ.*

In other words, the God-breathed Words of the Bible should be the evidence of the things for which you should hope for!

Once again, PROPHECY MADE and PROPHECY FULFILLED!

Now, please join with me in prayer.

O loving God, the One Who has prophesied of the details of Jesus, the Messiah-Christ sufferings centuries before they occurred, I am moved to offer You a sacrifice of thanksgiving and praise for this great blessing! I also thank and praise You that You have breathed the Words which Your Holy Spirit moved men to write. I also thank and praise You that by Your providence You have preserved those Words for us through the centuries, that we might have faith and believe without seeing! Now I ask You to accept this prayer of thanksgiving through the authority of the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen!

Please meditate and pray on these things!

Louise and I pray this will help to both enlighten and encourage you to **know in a greater way** the **One** Who promises in His Word to never leave you nor forsake you [Hebrews 13:5; Deuteronomy 31:6,8]!

SINCE GOD HAS GIVEN US IN THE SCRIPTURES PROPHECIES THAT HAVE BEEN FULFILLED, I WILL BELIEVE WITHOUT SEEING, EXCEPT BY GOD'S INFALLABLE WORD ALONE! – tom!