

Series: John
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The Lord Jesus fulfilled the prophets. God declared beforehand through the prophets and Christ fulfilled all that is written. Christ fulfilled all the old covenant shadows and types. The tabernacle, the high priest, the lamb, the mercy seat were the shadow. Christ is the express image.

Proposition: Beholding Christ fulfill the law and the prophets, declares to his people that Christ is fulfilled the law in righteousness for us--making his people the righteousness of God in him. Here we see some of the prophecy Christ fulfilled. May God make us behold Christ our Righteousness.

DESPISED

John 19: 15: But they cried out, Away with *him*, away with *him*, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar. 16: Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified...

The Lord declared through the prophet Isaiah that sinners would despise and abhor the Lord Jesus and hide our faces from him.

Isaiah 49: 7: Thus saith the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel, and his Holy One, to him whom man despiseth, to him whom the nation abhorreth

Isaiah 53: 3: We hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not

We see this in John 19: 15. When Pilate sat down in the judgment seat and said, "Behold your King" this was their answer, *"But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar."*

The Lord Jesus is the Redeemer of Israel, God's Holy One! It means he is the King and Savior and Holiness of his holy, spiritual Israel. Yet, due to the enmity of every carnal mind in fallen man, men hated Christ. Natural man still does today. That is why the preaching of the gospel of Christ is foolishness to the world.

False preachers do with Christ what Pilate did, *"Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified."* Pilate said some true things about the Lord Jesus. False preachers do. But then Pilate delivered him over the will of the people. Most preaching is Pontius Pilate preaching. They say some good things but never do they shut sinners up to Christ. They exalt the sinner's will by turning Christ over to the people to accept or reject. In the sinner exalting his will and works, he is saying, "Away with the true Christ, crucify him. We have no king but our own selves."

Sinner, bow to Christ the King. Kiss his scepter. Ask mercy of our sovereign Savior.

THE LAMB OF GOD

John 19: 16: Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led *him* away. 17: And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called *the place* of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew *Golgotha*:

Here, we behold the prophecy fulfilled concerning our Lord Jesus being the Lamb of God. Philip preached Christ to the Ethiopian eunuch from Isaiah 53.

Acts 8: 32 The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was LED as a sheep to the slaughter; and like A LAMB dumb before his shearers, so opened he not his mouth:

Isaiah 53: 7: He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

Throughout the old covenant, God required a spotless lamb. It was a spotless lamb on whom the sins of Israel were laid in type. It was a sin-bearing lamb who was then fit to die and was slain instead of the children of Israel. It was a lamb whose blood was carried into the holiest of holies and sprinkled on the mercy seat to make atonement, ceremonially, for the sins of the children of Israel. It did not make atonement, except in type. But John the Baptist pointed to Christ Jesus and declared, "Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world."

It was prophesied by Isaiah that the Lord would lay on Christ the iniquity of all his people. That is what we see fulfilled in Christ bearing his cross, *"And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha."* The cross our Substitute bore could not be seen with carnal eyes. It was not a mere wooden cross. His cross was the sins and curse of his people. When they compelled Simon the Cyrenian to carry the wood of the cross, it was

merely the wood. It would be impossible for the Lord's people to bear the unimaginable weight of the true, spiritual cross our Savior bore. But Christ bore it all!

By Christ bearing the sins of his people and the wrath of God's justice unto death, the blood of our Lamb redeemed us from that heavy cross of the curse of God's law. Therefore our cross is much lighter in comparison. Believer, we shall suffer for bearing witness of Christ. But it will be light since our Redeemer bore the heavy load in our place. The wrath of God was poured out on Christ. Now, he has no fury toward his people, only mercy and pity and compassion and grace.

So, brethren, when we suffer, it is only for our good to bring us into the fellowship of Christ's sufferings. Our cross is our Lord weaning us from this world. Our cross is the Lord making us know Christ is All, more and more. Our cross is given of the Lord so that as he strengthens us and shows us more of him, he consecrates us to Christ more and more in faith and love. Simon only carried that wooden cross for a short time. And we shall only carry our cross for a short time. But in all the blessings Christ gives us to behold him, we see Christ has given us something exceedingly and eternally greater--glory awaits us with Christ. That is what he is teaching us in every time of suffering. Our life is not in this world. Our life is Christ at God's right hand.

2 Corinthians 4: 16...though our outward man perish, yet the inward *man* is renewed day by day. 17: For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory;

Notice verse 17, "*And he bearing his cross WENT FORTH into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha.*" The Lord Jesus went forth outside the gate. This, too, fulfilled scripture which declares Christ is the Lamb of God.

Leviticus 16:27 And the bullock *for* the sin offering, and the goat *for* the sin offering, whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the holy *place*, shall *one* carry forth without the camp; and they shall burn in the fire their skins, and their flesh, and their dung.

The death he bore for his people was the burning fire of God's justice. By suffering it, our Savior sanctified his people. Let us go forth to him outside the camp bearing the reproach for his Christ's name. In every time of need, go forth to Christ. We become too attached to this world. Our feet become defiled. The Lord's gracious rod is to turn us and make us go forth unto Christ. He separates unto him and keeps working in our lives to keep us separated unto him.

Hebrews 13: 12: Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate. 13: Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach.

THE DEVIL DEFEATED

John 19: 17: And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called *the place of a skull*, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha:

God declared from the garden that Christ would defeat the devil. We see it fulfilled here. The place is "*called in the Hebrew Golgotha.*" Luke calls it Calvary. The meaning is the same. It is the place of the skull. It is where they executed the death penalty. The hill was covered in skulls from men slain in the past. What a picture of the devil slaying sinners through the fall. But the Spirit recorded the name of this place twice in the word. That tells us this has a spiritual meaning that relates to our salvation. It was at that place--*the place of the skull*--that the Lord Jesus fulfilled Genesis 3: 15. The Lord said to the devil in the garden that he would bruise Christ's heel. He did so in all this suffering. But by Christ laying down his life for his people and putting away our sin, our Lord Jesus bruised the devil's skull.

Genesis 3: 15: And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her SEED; it shall bruise THY HEAD, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

By Christ putting away the sin of his people, by his death Christ conquered sin and death for his people. He bruised the devil's head by delivering his people from the devil's accusing bondage. The only ammunition the devil had was to accuse us to God due to our sin. But by Christ putting away our sin, the devil has no more ammunition. He can accuse all he wants but God beholds his elect in Christ without sin, as righteous as God is righteous.

Hebrews 2: 14: Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; 15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

Believer, never let the devil or his minions bring you into fear and bondage by their accusations. Run to Christ. Hear the righteous Judge declare that our sins have all been put away. "*Who shall anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth!*" It is the Spirit making us know this in our new man that frees us from the fear and bondage of the devil's accusations. Go to Christ.

THE SAVIOR OF SINNERS

John 19: 18: Where they crucified him, and two other with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst.

Unbelieving, enmity-filled men--dogs--crucified him. This, too, is the fulfillment of scripture.

Psalm 22:16: For DOGS have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet.

But here is the good news for sinners--"*and two other with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst.*" Christ was crucified between two sinners. He identified with his sinful people. And because God made him sin for us, God numbered him with the transgressors. Isaiah prophesied of this:

Isaiah 53: 12:...,he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many...

Christ became a man to be numbered with the transgressors. He came to be the Substitute of a chosen people to bear our sins. Our Lord Jesus knew no sin. But when "*he made him, who knew no sin, sin for us*", it was God who numbered him with the transgressors. That is why he poured out justice on our Lord Jesus. By it God manifest that he is holy and righteous. He will not clear the guilty. The just Judge would not clear his own Son.

Oh, the good news! By Christ's blood in our place, now God our Father numbers his people with the righteous. Christ made us the righteousness of God in himself. Scripture said he would.

Isaiah 53: 11: He shall see of the travail of his soul, *and* shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. 12: Therefore will I divide him *a portion* with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Christ Jesus served God for his people in righteousness and holiness. He bare the sin of many and made intercession for us. How many? As many as God the Father ordained to eternal life. For the many, for whom Christ gave his life a ransom. It is not a few, but many. The impenitent thief was not one of the many. He proved it by not believing on Christ. Are you one of the many? Those who are believe on the Lord Jesus Christ for all our acceptance with God.

Christ bore the whole of our sins and the punishment due to them. Thereby he made satisfaction for the sins of his people. He bore our sins away forever, never to be brought up by God again. He is the Author and Finisher of faith for his people. By his righteousness, his people are justified. He brings the believer to behold we are acquitted and absolved of all our sins. God declares Christ made us the righteousness of God in him. There is no more condemnation to those born of his Spirit who rest in Christ by faith.

We know and believe on Christ one way. God makes Christ our Wisdom. "By HIS KNOWLEDGE shall my righteous servant justify many." Christ and him crucified as the Substitute of chosen sinners is the Wisdom of God. We come into this world ignorant of God and his Salvation. But the Spirit of God shall give each of his redeemed knowledge of Christ, making Christ our Wisdom. He shall give each one faith to know and believe that Christ has justified them. Thereby, we are sanctified in newness of Spirit to believe Christ and rest in him and walk by faith the rest of our days.

FOR ALL TO SEE

John 19: 19: And Pilate wrote a title, and put *it* on the cross. And the writing was, JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS. 20: This title then read many of the Jews: for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city: and it was written in Hebrew, *and* Greek, *and* Latin.

The place our Redeemer was lifted up was where everyone could see. It was near the city. All could see the Lord Jesus lifted up on the cross, but most could not see. All could read the inscription in their own tongue, but very few believed it was so.

Has the Lord given you eyes to see and a heart to understand and know? Sin is the problem and every problem is due to sin. The cure at all times and for all time is to look to Christ.

John 3: 14: And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: 15: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

The one elect thief on the cross was given grace and saw Christ. He heard the gospel in the things they said--"he saved others, himself he could not save." He read the inscription declaring him King. By grace, by the Spirit, that dying thief rejoiced to see his day. He saw and believed on Christ by the Spirit of God. He said, "LORD, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Has the Lord convinced you of your sin? Has he convinced you that your old man is only sin and can only sin? Has the Spirit convinced you that Christ is Righteousness in whom judgment is settled? Have you seen he is the Fulfillment of all that is written in scripture?

THE GARMENTS

John 19: 23: Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also *his* coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout. 24: They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots. These things

therefore the soldiers did....28: After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst. 29: Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put *it* upon hyssop, and put *it* to his mouth. 30: When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

This book is about God's Son and the Salvation he is for his people. Christ Jesus fulfilled the law and the prophets by his death at Calvary. To show us this the Lord even prophesied what the soldiers would do with his garments. The soldiers rent some of his garments and cast lots for the one valuable garment. They did not know it but Christ put it in their hearts to do this that Christ might fulfill scripture.

But there is a garment of Christ's they could never rend. Our Lord has a garment that none can cast lots nor purchase. It is the garment of his righteousness. It is complete with no seams. The robe of Christ's righteousness is perfect in his perfect obedience. He cried, "IT IS FINISHED!"

Do you see him? Have you looked to him alone to save you? Those who looked to the serpent lifted up in the wilderness were healed of the serpents bite. Christ was lifted up on the cross but he is now lifted up to God's right hand. He is risen victorious and his people in him. I am trying to lift him up before you in the gospel! Look to Christ and you shall be healed!

Sinner, come to Christ today. Believe on him! He said, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, I will give you rest...rest for your souls." And for you who believe, look to him! Rest in Christ. As we see him here fulfill all prophecy it assures us, Christ is our Righteousness and we are righteousness in him. Is his cross, heavy to you? Then come to Christ and he will give you rest for your souls even now. He will show us our light affliction is for a moment and it works for us to show us our righteousness is in heaven at God's right hand. He is our Life. Christ is our house not made with hands eternal in the heavens! Oh, believer, never stop coming to Christ. Our whole life is one step after another coming to Christ. One day soon we shall be with him forever!

Amen!