

THE NECESSITY OF ALL CHRIST DID
LUKE 24:25-27, 44-48

Introduction

Every moment that Christ lived His life on this earth, He lived it with purpose! All that He did while on the earth was necessary! And as we look to day at the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ I want us to think on the thought of and see **THE NECESSITY OF ALL THAT CHRIST DID!**

I. ALL THAT JESUS DID WAS NECESSARY TO DO HIS FATHER'S WILL! (JOHN 6:38-40)

A. Everything About Jesus' Life Was Wrapped Up In His Father's Will!

1. As A Child Jesus Acknowledged This Truth!

Luke 2:49 And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?

2. As Jesus Ministered He Acknowledged This Truth!

John 4:34 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

Luke 4:43 And he said unto them, I must preach the kingdom of God to other cities also: for therefore am I sent.

3. As Jesus Taught He Acknowledged This Truth!

John 6:38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

4. As Jesus Reasoned With Others He Acknowledged This Truth! (John 8:25-30)

John 8:29 And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.

John 9:4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

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II. ALL THAT JESUS DID WAS NECESSARY TO FULFILL THE OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES CONCERNING HIM!

(See our text verses!)

Matthew 16:21 From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.

A. All Of The Prophecies Relating To Messiah Had To Be Fulfilled In Him!

Luke 22:37 For I say unto you, that this that is written must yet be accomplished in me, And he was reckoned among the transgressors: for the things concerning me have an end. (Cf. Isaiah 53:12)

*Matthew 26:53-54, 56 53 Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels? 54 **But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?** ...56 **But all this was done, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled...***

B. All Of The Types And Pictures Relating To Messiah Had To Be Fulfilled In Him!

Jesus spoke of one of those types to Nicodemus:
John 3:14-15 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.

But there were other types and pictures that were fulfilled in Him!

1. He Is Pictured In The Animal Slain By God To Provide A Covering For Adam And Eve In Genesis 3:21!
2. He Is Pictured In The Ram Caught In The Thicket That Became The Substitute For Isaac On Mt. Moriah!

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3. He Is Pictured And Typified In All The Old Testament Sacrifices And Offerings!

Evangelist and Author Josh McDowell, in his book *“Evidence That Demands A Verdict”* states that the Old Testament contains over 300 references to the Messiah that were fulfilled in Jesus.

I have a Chart posted on the door to our sound room in the foyer that details 100 Old Testament Prophecies and their subsequent fulfillment by Christ!

Those prophecies and along with their fulfillment by Christ give us both confidence in the Scripture as well as a strong, undeniable basis for our faith in Christ!

ALL THAT JESUS DID WAS NECESSARY 1) TO DO HIS FATHER'S WILL...2) TO FULFILL THE OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES CONCERNING HIM...

III. ALL THAT JESUS DID WAS NECESSARY TO SAVE US FROM OUR SINS!

A. We All Came Into This World With The Same Problems!

1. The Problem Of Sin!

Ecclesiastes 7:20 For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.

Romans 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

Romans 3:10-12 10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: 11 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. 12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

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We are all sinners by nature and we are all sinners by choice!

The Problem Of Sin...

2. The Problem Of Condemnation Because Of Sin!

In John 3:18, as Jesus was talking to Nicodemus, He describes us as *“...condemned already...”*

Romans 6:23 – says *“For the wages of sin is death...”*

We All Came Into This World With The Same Problems...

B. But Jesus Became The Remedy For Our Problems!

Jesus described that remedy to Nicodemus, a religious, but lost man by taking him back to Moses day in *Numbers 21:4-9*.

Jesus told Nicodemus:

*John 3:14-15 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.*

Understand that Nicodemus was a man of the law and would have been very familiar with the story Jesus referenced!

The point Jesus was making was this: Every man, woman, boy, and girl have been bitten by the fiery serpent of sin and therefore destined for death!

There is but one way to be delivered! Look to Jesus Christ who paid the judgment for our sin on the cross of Calvary and live!

Jesus had earlier told Nicodemus in *John 3:7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.*

Now look at **John 19:38-40**.

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Jesus had become the remedy for Nicodemus' sin!
He had seen Jesus on the cross! He helped Joseph of
Arimathaea take the body of Jesus from the cross, prepare Him
for burial, and then bury Him in a tomb.

The first time Nicodemus came to Jesus, he came to him by
night: *John 3:2 ...and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou
art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles
that thou doest, except God be with him.*

Jesus knew in John 3 that Nicodemus needed to see Him
differently than he ever had before! Jesus was more than just a
Rabbi or a teacher come from God and what Nicodemus saw in
the life of Jesus was more than just God being with Him!

He didn't realize it, but he was seeing God in the flesh! But it
hadn't clicked yet!

But when the Savior was "lifted up" on the tree, no doubt,
Nicodemus' mind flashed back to what Jesus said!

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wilderness, even so **must** the Son of man be lifted up:
15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but
have eternal life.*

That probably wasn't the "lifted up" that he expected! Because
what was there left to believe in now that Jesus was dead!

No doubt here, Nicodemus was seeing Jesus like he never
expected to see Him! Bruised, beaten, battered, punctured,
pierced, shredded and otherwise abused to such an extent that
He was not even identifiable as a man and now he's dead!

But, Nicodemus' actions here in verse 39 and 40 show that he
was like Jesus' other disciples who still didn't quite get it, yet!

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He helps prepare Jesus' body for burial in the customary
manner. What's wrong with that? Well, Jesus was not going to
see any corruption... *Psalm 16:8-11* speaks of this and Peter
referenced this Scripture in his sermon on the day of Pentecost!

Then in just three days, something happened that should have
caused Nicodemus to flash back again to that first encounter
with Jesus!

On the third day after his burial, Jesus Christ came out of the
grave and showed Himself alive by many infallible proofs!

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wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:
15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but
have eternal life.*

I believe then and only then did it began to make sense.
He, Nicodemus, had to look to Jesus Christ in faith in order to
live!

Conclusion

Every bit of what Jesus did was necessary! It was all in His plan for you and
me! ALL THAT JESUS DID WAS NECESSARY

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- 2) TO FULFILL THE OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES...
- 3) TO SAVE US FROM OUR SINS!

Have you seen the crucified Christ on the Cross Who suffered and died on
your behalf? What have you done with Him? Has it clicked yet?

Have you believed in what He did for you in paying your sin debt on the cross
and then coming out of the grave on the third day so that you can not only
have forgiveness but so that you can have eternal life?