



Word Notes: Sunday 2nd December 2018

Back to the Future: A boo is louder than a cheer.

Key Text: Isaiah 53

The physicality of Jesus rejection, suffering and death prophesied through many scriptures is bleak. As represented cinematographically in Mel Gibson's "Passion of the Christ" it is brutal, violent and without hope. In contrast G F Handel's choral work "The Messiah", with its exclusively scripture-based libretto, places Jesus' rejection and suffering in the proper context of atonement for our sin and the free gift of new life made possible through his sacrifice and proven by his resurrection from the dead.

We must not consider the prophecies of Jesus' rejection and suffering without the context of atonement for sin, our guilt and the free gift of new life, now and forever, which are associated with these events. That they are prophesied in detail from the Old Testament and found true in Jesus (see overleaf) underlines the key nature of these events – but don't stop there (see next week).

The rejection, suffering and death Jesus endured was for a purpose – without this purpose God is cruel, with that purpose God is a compassionate Father, quick to save and Jesus His obedient Son who *"for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God* (Heb 12:2).

We too can expect rejection from the world when we follow Christ (see Matt 5:11), even we so can be of good cheer because of the hope we have in Jesus who has overcome the world.

Small Group discussion

- 1) If you've not already done so read Isaiah 53 before discussing the following:
 - a) Sum up the passage in as few words as possible.
 - b) Try to describe the emotions this passage stirs up in you.
 - c) What message do you take overall from the passage?
- 2) How does the purpose of Christ's suffering relate to the physical, emotional and spiritual reality of what he endured? Was it a necessary, justified and proportionate thing in human terms? What about in God's terms? What can you conclude about God, about Man and the need for atonement, redemption and salvation from the differences in your answers?
- 3) How do Christ's experiences, his manner and ultimate goal and triumph relate you your own experiences of rejection, persecution or suffering? What about those around the world who suffer far worse – even death? How realistic are our answers?

Prayer

Pray for anyone currently enduring rejection, persecution or suffering because of their faith – also for those we know in other places who endure far more.

Prophecies of Jesus' rejection, suffering and death:

Prophecy: Entered Jerusalem as a king on a donkey

Old Testament References: Zechariah 9:9

New Testament Fulfillment: Matthew 21:4-9

Prophecy: Rejected by Jews

Old Testament References: Psalm 118:22

New Testament Fulfillment: 1 Peter 2:7

Prophecy: Be Passover sacrifice with no bone broken

Old Testament References: Exodus 12:46; Numbers 9:12; Psalm 34:20

New Testament Fulfillment: John 19:31-36

Prophecy :Be hung upon a tree as a curse for us

Old Testament References: Deuteronomy 21:23

New Testament Fulfillment: Galatians 3:13

Prophecy: Be thirsty during his execution

Old Testament References: Psalm 22:15

New Testament Fulfillment: John 19:28

Prophecy: Be accused by false witnesses

Old Testament References: Psalm 27:12; 35:11

New Testament Fulfillment: Matthew 26:60, Mark 14:55-61

Prophecy: Be struck on the head, beaten and spat on

Old Testament References: Micah 5:1, Isaiah 50:6

New Testament Fulfillment: Matthew 27:30, Mark 14:65; 15:15-19; Luke 22:63-65; John 19:1

Prophecy: Have hands and feet pierced

Old Testament References: Psalm 22:16, Zechariah 12:10

New Testament Fulfillment: Matthew 26:67, Matthew 27:26-35, John 19:18, 34-37, John 20:25-29

Prophecy: Have soldiers cast lots for his coat

Old Testament References: 22:18

New Testament Fulfillment: John 19:23, 24, Matthew 27:35; Mark 15:24; Luke 23:34

Prophecy: Be given gall and vinegar (sour wine)

Old Testament References: Psalm 69:20-22

New Testament Fulfillment: Matthew 27:34, Matthew 27:48; Mark 15:23; 15:36; Luke 23:36; John 19:29

Prophecy: Be betrayed by a friend

Old Testament References: Psalm 41:9, Psalm 55:12-14

New Testament Fulfillment: Matthew 26:14-16, Matthew 26:23, Matthew 26:47-50; Luke 22:19-23, 48; John 13:18-30; 18:2-5

Prophecy: Be despised and rejected

Old Testament References: Isaiah 53:2, 3

New Testament Fulfillment: Luke 17:25, Luke 23:18, Matthew 26:67; John 1:11

Prophecy: Be accused and afflicted, but did not open his mouth

Old Testament References: Isaiah 53:7

New Testament Fulfillment: Matthew 27:12, Luke 23:9, Matthew 26:62, 63; 27:14; Mark 14:61; 15:5; John 19:9

Prophecy: Commit his spirit into God's hand

Old Testament References: 31:5

New Testament Fulfillment: Luke 23:46

Prophecy: Be buried with the rich

Old Testament References: Isaiah 53:9

New Testament Fulfillment: Matthew 27:57-60

Prophecy: Be numbered (crucified) with transgressors

Old Testament References: Isaiah 53:12

New Testament Fulfillment: Matthew 27:38, Mark 15:27, 28; Luke 22:37; 23:32, 33

Prophecy: The 30 pieces of silver buy the potter's field

Old Testament References 11:12, 13

New Testament Fulfillment

Matthew 27:3, 6-10

Be sold for thirty pieces of silver

Old Testament References: Zechariah 11:12

New Testament Fulfillment: Matthew 26:14, 15

Prophecy: Be Passover male lamb, without blemish, slain, with blood applied as protection from judgment

Old Testament References: Exodus 12:1-11, Isaiah 53:7

New Testament Fulfillment: John 1:29-36; 1 Corinthians 5:7, 8; 1 Peter 1:18, 19; Revelation 5:6-13; 7:14; 21:22-27; 22:1-4

Prophecy: Be lifted up, just as Moses lifted up a serpent

Old Testament References: Numbers 21:8, 9

New Testament Fulfillment: John 3:14, 15

Prophecy: Feel forsaken by God

Old Testament References: Psalm 22:1

New Testament Fulfillment: Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34

Prophecy: Be mocked and insulted by many

Old Testament References: Psalm 22:7, 8, 17

New Testament Fulfillment: Matthew 27:31, 39-43; Mark 15:29-32; Luke 23:35-39

Prophecy: Friends stand afar off

Old Testament References: Psalm 38:11; 88:18

New Testament Fulfillment: Matthew 26:56-58; 27:55; Mark 15:40; Luke 23:49

Prophecy: Reproaches of others fall on him

Old Testament References: Psalm 69:9

New Testament Fulfillment: Romans 15:3

Prophecy: Be mistreated, hardly recognized

Old Testament References: Isaiah 52:14

New Testament Fulfillment: Hebrews 5:8; 1 Peter 2:21

Prophecy: Bare our griefs and carry our sorrows

Old Testament References: Isaiah 53:4, 5

New Testament Fulfillment: Matthew 8:17; Rom. 5:6-8

Prophecy: Be wounded for our transgressions

Old Testament References: Isaiah 53:5

New Testament Fulfillment: 1 Corinthians 15:3; 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Peter 3:18

Prophecy: Be led as a lamb to the slaughter

Old Testament References: Isaiah 53:7

New Testament Fulfillment: John 1:29, 36; Acts 8:28-35; 1 Peter 1:19; Revelation 5:6

Prophecy: Be sinless and without guile

Old Testament References: Isaiah 53:9

New Testament Fulfillment: 1 Peter 2:22