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Jesus Again Predicts His Death

³¹ Taking the twelve disciples aside, Jesus said, “Listen, we’re going up to Jerusalem, where all the predictions of the prophets concerning the Son of Man will come true. ³² He will be handed over to the Romans, and he will be mocked, treated shamefully, and spit upon. ³³ They will flog him with a whip and kill him, but on the third day he will rise again.” ³⁴ But they didn’t understand any of this. The significance of his words was hidden from them, and they failed to grasp what he was talking about.

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Jesus Heals a Blind Beggar

³⁵ As Jesus approached Jericho, a blind beggar was sitting beside the road. ³⁶ When he heard the noise of a crowd going past, he asked what was happening. ³⁷ They told him that Jesus the Nazarene was going by. ³⁸ So he began shouting, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” ³⁹ “Be quiet!” the people in front yelled at him.

But he only shouted louder, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”
⁴⁰ When Jesus heard him, he stopped and ordered that the man be brought to him. As the man came near, Jesus asked him,

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⁴¹ “What do you want me to do for you?”

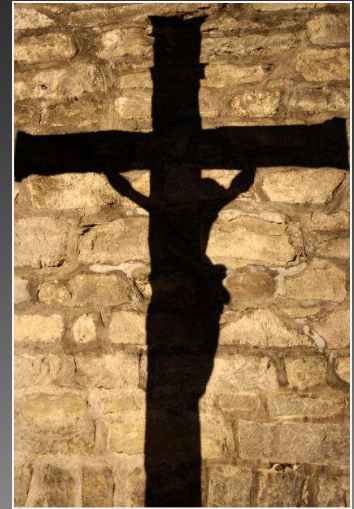
“Lord,” he said, “I want to see!”

⁴² And Jesus said, “All right, receive your sight! Your faith has healed you.” ⁴³ Instantly the man could see, and he followed Jesus, praising God. And all who saw it praised God, too.

- ❖ **Outrageous suffering and a despicable death were his choice from eternity past.**
- ❖ **The whole scandal would end with glory and great joy.**
- ❖ **Despite knowing of that gloomy ending, Jesus went about dispensing healing and help.**
- ❖ **He hears the voice in the crowd...yes, he can hear the smallest voice crying for help.**

Imagine Living Your Life With Full Knowledge Of A Horrible Execution Waiting At The End Of Your Days

- ❖ We'll head up to Jerusalem
- ❖ Those long-ago prophets told my story in advance...and it is full nasty stuff for me.
- ❖ Handed over to Gentiles, I'll be mocked, insulted, spat upon, flogged...and killed
- ❖ The Good News? I'll be raised to life again!



Listen To The Prophets Foretelling The Bad News / Good News

- ❖ David saw it coming (Psalm 22)
- ❖ Jesus cry of despair...v 1
- ❖ The mocking...vs 6-7
- ❖ Bones out of joint...v 14
- ❖ Intense thirst...v 15
- ❖ Hands and feet pierced...v16
- ❖ No bones broken...v 17
- ❖ Garments divided by casting lots...v 18



Isaiah Explained The 'Why' Of Such Dastardly Treatment (Chapter 53)

- ❖ He took up OUR infirmities and carried OUR sorrows...v 4
- ❖ Pierced for OUR transgressions and crushed for OUR iniquities...v 5
- ❖ The punishment that brought US peace was upon him...v 5
- ❖ By his wounds WE are healed...v 5
- ❖ WE have gone astray...the Lord laid on him the iniquity of US All...V 6



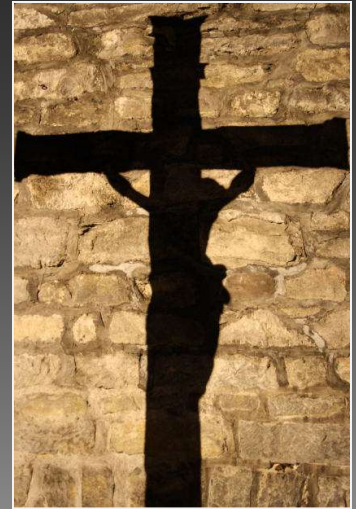
Each Of The Gospels Details The Horrid Fulfillment Of These Dark Words

❖ Matthew 27

❖ Mark 14, 15

❖ Luke 22, 23

❖ John 19



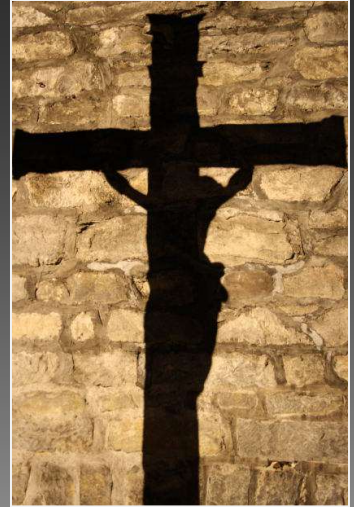
Despite That Cloud Hanging Over Jesus' Head... His Focus Was On Others

- ❖ The crowd surrounds Jesus as he travels along.
- ❖ The blind beggar calls out: Jesus, Son of David...have mercy on me!
- ❖ Told by people to be still, he shouted all the louder.
- ❖ Jesus stopped when he heard that voice...and called for the man.
- ❖ What do you want? Sight. You have it...now.



In The Midst Of My Dark Moments... Can I Hear The Cry Of Others?

- ❖ **The muffled cry of the lonely ones**
- ❖ **The growling stomachs of the poor**
- ❖ **Single folk at 'family' events**
- ❖ **The weeping of those with secret sin and shame**



Confession

**I believe that Jesus is
the Christ, the Son of
the living God.**

**I trust Him as my
Lord and Savior.**



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