



JUST AS HE SAID

*30 Readings for Easter*  
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# An Invitation

There is a trend in women's Bible studies that I have noticed over the last several years. Many approach God's Word for what it can offer by way of comfort, inspiration, or consolation. While the Word of God certainly holds forth all of these things, there's a tinge of self-interest embedded within this trend that concerns me (and, if you're reading this, it probably concerns you, too). As self-righteous as I want to be, it's a trend that is as true of my own heart as it is of the studies themselves.

Lent, the season leading up to Easter, is a time in the church calendar for giving up a convenience and taking up a holy habit. Many people fast from dessert or give up social media while taking up the habit of daily prayer or supporting a missionary. All of this is good, but I want to do something a little different this Easter. I want to give up coming to God's Word for what it offers me emotionally, and I want to take up looking to God's Word for what it teaches me about God's character. I don't know about you, but I need a fast from self-importance, one that seems it will only be found by fully turning my attention to our God, meeting Him in His Word, and relishing Him for who He is. I want to love God with all my heart *and* with all of my mind. I want to dig into God's Word, connect theological dots, and praise Him in response.

Can we do it together?

Here is the invitation I want to extend to you: join me in looking at Jesus. Join me in looking at the prophecies that proclaimed who the Messiah would be, what He would do, and how He would accomplish the salvation of the world. Join me in taking our eyes off of ourselves and studying and

delighting in our Messiah – the Messiah who fulfilled every prophecy of the Old Testament and every promise of God, just as He said He would.

Over the next thirty days we are going to do the hard work of tuning our ears to the Text, noting the many ways Jesus faithfully kept His promises. We are going to come to the Text as students studying the seemingly minute details that our God thought important enough to weave into His Word. Over the next thirty days, we are going to fix our eyes on the detailed way the Word of God, Jesus, fulfilled the words of God in the Old Testament. We are going to walk slowly, perhaps even painfully, through the Passion narrative and take note of all the ways Jesus fulfilled the prophecies concerning the Messiah.

Would you join me? Would you commit to walking through thirty days of Christ-centered study and worship?

Each day we will look at a prophecy concerning the Messiah, and at the way Jesus fulfilled that prophecy in His death and resurrection. There is space on each page for you to document the prophecy that Jesus fulfilled, and space for you to answer the most important question in our study: what does this teach me about the character of God. Sisters, do not be deceived: you do not need Word of God to speak to you about you as much as you need the Word of God to speak to you about *God Himself*. So, commit with me to fixing your eyes on His character and to worshiping Him for who He is. I cannot promise you it will always be easy, but I can promise you this: He will not disappoint.

## Pray

Confess to God the ways you approach His Word with self-interests. Ask Him to bless your study of His Word in the coming thirty days. Praise Him for His character than never disappoints.

A photograph of a person's hand reaching for a yellow fruit on a tree. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with a building and a satellite dish. A white rectangular box is overlaid on the image, containing a quote in white text. The quote is: "UP ON HIM WAS THE CHASTISEMENT THAT BROUGHT US PEACE AND WITH HIS WOUNDS WE ARE HEALED". The quote is enclosed in double quotation marks. The text is in all caps and a sans-serif font. The word "BROUGHT" is the largest, followed by "US PEACE" and "WE ARE HEALED". The other words are smaller. The quote is centered within the box. The background image shows a person's arm and hand reaching for a yellow fruit on a tree. The tree has green leaves and several yellow fruits. The person is wearing a watch. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with a building and a satellite dish. The overall tone is peaceful and contemplative.

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UP ON HIM WAS THE  
CHASTISEMENT THAT

**BROUGHT  
US PEACE**

AND WITH HIS WOUNDS

**WE ARE  
HEALED**

”

ISAIAH 53:5

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## *Betrayed by Friends*

Psalm 41:9

Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.

Mark 14:17-19

And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, "Is it I?"

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What prophecy did Christ fulfil?

What does this reveal about God's character?

*Pray*

Spend some time reflecting on areas of your life in which you have experienced betrayal. Thank God that He endured betrayal to make you, once an enemy of God, His friend (Rom. 5:10)

## *Sold for Silver*

Zechariah 11:12-13a

Then I said to them, "If it seems good to you, give me my wages; but if not, keep them." And they weighed out as my wages thirty pieces of silver. Then the Lord said to me, "Throw it to the potter"—the lordly price at which I was priced by them. So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them into the house of the Lord, to the potter.

Matthew 26:14-15

Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?" And they paid him thirty pieces of silver.

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What prophecy did Christ fulfil?

What does this reveal about God's character?

*Pray*

Reflect on the significance of selling a human being for money. Thank God that He endured such betrayal and dehumanization; pray for those trafficked today that they would be set free.

## *Forsaken by His Disciples*

Zechariah 13:7  
"Awake, O sword,  
against my shepherd,  
against the man who  
stands next to me,"  
declares the Lord of hosts.  
"Strike the shepherd, and  
the sheep will be  
scattered;  
I will turn my hand  
against the little ones.

Matthew 26:55-56  
At that hour Jesus said to  
the crowds, "Have you  
come out as against a  
robber, with swords and  
clubs to capture me? Day  
after day I sat in the  
temple teaching, and you  
did not seize me. But all  
this has taken place that  
the Scriptures of the  
prophets might be  
fulfilled." Then all the  
disciples left him and  
fled.

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What prophecy did Christ fulfil?

What does this reveal about God's character?

*Pray*

Consider the friendships in your life that have disappointed or forsaken you. Thank God that He endured being forsaken and denied by His friends – praise Him, even as you pray for relational healing in your own life.

## *Accused by False Witnesses*

Psalm 35:11-12    **Matthew 26:59-60**  
Malicious witnesses rise up;  
they ask me of things that I do not know.  
They repay me evil for good;  
my soul is bereft.

**Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward.**

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What prophecy did Christ fulfil?

What does this reveal about God's character?

*Pray*

Reflect on the sinlessness of Christ. Praise Christ for living a sinless life that He might be the spotless sacrifice required to reconcile you and me to God the Father.



HE WAS DESPISED  
AND REJECTED BY  
MEN, A MAN OF  
SORROWS AND  
AQUAINTED WITH  
GRIEF.

*Isaiah 53:3*

## *Silent before Accusers*

Isaiah 53:7  
...yet He opened not  
His mouth;  
like a lamb that is led  
to the slaughter,  
and like a sheep that  
before its shearers  
is silent,  
so He opened not  
His mouth.

Matthew 27:12-14  
But when he was  
accused by the chief  
priests and elders, He  
gave no answer. Then  
Pilate said to Him, "Do  
you not hear how many  
things they testify  
against you?" But He  
gave Him no answer,  
not even to a single  
charge, so that the  
governor was greatly  
amazed.

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What prophecy did Christ fulfil?

What does this reveal about God's character?

*Pray*

Spend some time reflecting on Christ's silence before false witnesses – thank Him that He endured such accusation in silence, just as He was prophesied to do.

## *Wounded & Mocked*

Isaiah 53:5-6

But He was pierced for  
our transgressions;  
He was crushed for our  
iniquities; upon Him was the  
chastisement that brought us  
peace, and with His  
wounds we are healed.  
All we like sheep have gone  
astray; we have turned—  
every one—  
to his own way;  
and the Lord has laid on  
Him the iniquity of us all.

Luke 22:63-64

Now the men who were  
holding Jesus in custody  
were mocking him as  
they beat him. They  
also blindfolded him  
and kept asking  
him, "Prophecy! Who is  
it that struck you?" And  
they said many other  
things against  
Him, blaspheming Him.

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What prophecy did Christ fulfil?

What does this reveal about God's character?

*Pray*

Spend some time prayerfully reflecting on the physical abuses that Christ endured before going to the cross. Thank Him that He endured such treatment in order to gain your salvation.

## *The Passover Lamb*

Isaiah 53:7    1 Peter 1:18-19

He was oppressed, and  
he was afflicted,  
yet he opened not his  
mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to  
the slaughter,  
and like a sheep that  
before its shearers is silent,  
so he opened not his  
mouth.

knowing that you were  
ransomed from the  
futile ways inherited  
from your forefathers,  
not with perishable  
things such as silver or  
gold, but with the  
precious blood of  
Christ, like that of a  
lamb without blemish  
or spot.

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What prophecy did Christ fulfil?

What does this reveal about God's character?

*Pray*

Consider the ways in which Christ was the Passover Lamb. In prayer, thank Him that He was a spotless (sinless) sacrifice in order that He might be the final and ultimate sacrifice for our sin.

## *Scorned & Shamed*

Isaiah 53:3  
He was despised and  
rejected by men,  
a man of sorrows and  
acquainted with grief;  
and as one from whom  
men hide their faces  
he was despised,  
and we esteemed him not.

Matthew 26:67  
Then they spit in His  
face and struck Him.  
And some slapped  
Him...

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What prophecy did Christ fulfil?

What does this reveal about God's character?

*Pray*

Prayerfully reflect on the mocking and shame Christ endured. Thank Him that He bore the scorn of humanity on our behalf, that He might present us to God without the shame of our own sin.

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FOR GOD SO

LOVED THE  
WORLD

THAT HE GAVE

HIS ONLY  
SON

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JOHN 3:16

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## *Ridiculed by Men*

Psalm 22:7-8  
All who see me mock Me;  
they make mouths at  
Me; they wag their heads;  
“He trusts in the Lord; let  
Him deliver Him;  
let him rescue Him, for  
He delights in Him!”

Matthew 27:27-29  
Then the soldiers of the  
governor took Jesus into  
the governor's  
headquarters, and they  
gathered the  
whole battalion before  
Him. And they stripped  
Him and put a scarlet robe  
on Him, and twisting  
together a crown of thorns,  
they put it on His head and  
put a reed in His right  
hand. And kneeling before  
him, they mocked Him,  
saying, “Hail, King of the  
Jews!”

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What prophecy did Christ fulfil?

What does this reveal about God's character?

*Pray*

Praise God that He is the true King. Thank Him that He endured the ridicule of those who denied His Kingship. Praise Him that through His suffering He gained you citizenship in His Kingdom.

## Lifted Up

Numbers 21:6-9

Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you. Pray to the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

John 3:14-18

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

What prophecy did Christ fulfil?

What does this reveal about God's character?

*Pray*

Consider how the serpent in the desert prefigured Christ on the cross. Thank Jesus that in His body on the cross, He gained eternal healing for all who will look on Him for salvation.

## *Condemned to Crucifixion*

Psalm 22:16    Luke 23:33a  
For dogs encompass Me;  
a company of  
evildoers encircles Me;  
they have pierced My  
hands and feet...    **And when they came  
to the place that is  
called The Skull, there  
they crucified Him...**

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What prophecy did Christ fulfil?

What does this reveal about God's character?

*Pray*

Consider the gruesome death that Jesus endured. Thank Him that He took on the death that you and I deserved. Thank Him that through His bodily death He put death in its grave.

## *Crucified with Thieves*

Isaiah 53:12  
Therefore I will divide Him  
a portion with the many,  
and He shall divide the  
spoil with the strong,  
because He poured out  
His soul to death  
and was numbered with  
the transgressors;  
yet He bore the  
sin of many,  
and makes intercession  
for the transgressors.

Luke 23:32-33  
Two others, who were  
criminals, were led  
away to be put to  
death with Him. And  
when they came to the  
place that is called  
The Skull, there they  
crucified Him, and the  
criminals, one on His  
right and one on His  
left.

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What prophecy did Christ fulfil?

What does this reveal about God's character?

*Pray*

Consider that Jesus, the only true Innocent, died a sinner's death between two known law-breakers. Thank Him that He made a way for known sinners – you and I – to be forgiven.



WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM

SHOULD NOT PERISH BUT

HAVE ETERNAL LIFE

*John 3:15*

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## *Suffered Outside the City*

Leviticus 16:26

And the bull for the sin offering and the goat for the sin offering, whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the Holy Place, shall be carried outside the camp. Their skin and their flesh and their dung shall be burned up with fire.

Hebrews 13:11-12

For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood.

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What prophecy did Christ fulfil?

What does this reveal about God's character?

*Pray*

Consider the death that Jesus experienced outside the city gates. Praise Him that He endured expulsion (being sent out or rejected) that you and I might be welcomed into His heavenly city when He comes again.

# *Interceded for His Persecutors*

Psalm 109:4    **Luke 23:34**  
In return for my love    **And Jesus**  
they accuse me,    **said, "Father, forgive**  
but I give myself to    **them, for they know**  
prayer.    **not what they do."**

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What prophecy did Christ fulfil?

What does this reveal about God's character?

*Pray*

Reflect on Christ's intercession for those who put Him to death. Thank God that, through Christ, sinners are extended forgiveness. Thank Him that He intercedes for you before the Father, even today (Rom. 8:34).

## *Hated without Cause*

Psalm 69:4    **John 15:25**  
More in number than the    **But the word that is**  
    hairs of My head    **written in their Law**  
are those who hate    **must be fulfilled: 'They**  
    Me without cause;    **hated me without a**  
mighty are those who    **cause.'**  
    would destroy Me,  
those who attack Me  
    with lies.  
What I did not steal  
    must I now restore?

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What prophecy did Christ fulfil?

What does this reveal about God's character?

*Pray*

Thank God that He endured rejection, even hatred, on your behalf. Thank Him that, through the rejection He experienced, He made a way for you and I to be welcomed into the family of God.

## *Offered Gall and Vinegar*

Psalm 69:21    **Matthew 27:34**  
They gave Me    ... they offered Him  
poison for food,    wine to drink, mixed  
and for My thirst they    with gall, but when He  
gave Me sour wine to    tasted it, He would not  
drink.    drink it.

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What prophecy did Christ fulfil?

What does this reveal about God's character?

*Pray*

Consider the way in which Jesus fulfilled the prophecies of the Old Testament – down to the very last detail. Thank God for being a God of the details – in His Word, in Christ, and in your life.



DO NOT THINK THAT I  
HAVE COME TO  
ABOLISH THE LAW OR  
THE PROPHETS; I HAVE  
NOT COME TO ABOLISH  
THEM BUT TO FULFILL  
THEM.

*Matthew 5:17*

## *His Forsaken Cry*

Psalm 221

My God, my God, why  
have you forsaken Me?

Why are you so far  
from saving Me, from the  
words of y groaning?

Matthew 27:46

And about the ninth  
hour Jesus cried out  
with a loud voice,  
saying, "Eli, Eli, lema  
sabachthani?" that  
is, "My God, my God,  
why have you  
forsaken Me?"

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What prophecy did Christ fulfil?

What does this reveal about God's character?

*Pray*

Reflect on the gravity of Christ bearing the rejection of God that you deserved. Thank Him that He bore the offensive sin that separated you from God, making a way for you to be reconciled to the Father.

## *Committed Himself to God*

Psalm 31:5    Luke 23:46

You will pull Me out of the net which they have secretly laid for me, for You are My strength. Into Your hand I commit My Spirit...

Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into Your hands I commit My Spirit." When He had said this, He breathed His last.

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What prophecy did Christ fulfil?

What does this reveal about God's character?

*Pray*

Spend some time thanking Jesus that He committed Himself to God. Following His example, spend some time prayerfully committing yourself to God and submitting your life to His will.

## *Died to Grant Access*

Isaiah 59:2  
but your iniquities have  
made a separation  
between you and your  
God, and  
your sins have hidden His  
face from you  
so that He does not  
hear.

Matthew 27:50-51  
And Jesus cried out  
again with a loud  
voice and yielded up  
His spirit.  
And behold, the  
curtain of the temple  
was torn in two, from  
top to bottom. And the  
earth shook, and the  
rocks were split.

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What prophecy did Christ fulfil?

What does this reveal about God's character?

*Pray*

The curtain separated the people from the place where God dwelt in the temple. Thank God that through Jesus' death we are no longer separated from Him, but are welcome in His presence.

# *His Bones not Broken*

Psalm 34:20    John 19:33  
He keeps all His bones;  
not one of them is  
broken.    But when they came to  
Jesus and saw that He  
was already dead,  
they did not break His  
legs.

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What prophecy did Christ fulfil?

What does this reveal about God's character?

*Pray*

Consider how exactly Jesus fulfilled what was prophesied of the Messiah. Thank Him that through His sovereignty, He embodied the unblemished sacrificial Lamb, the final sacrifice for our sin.

## *His Side Pierced*

Zechariah 12:10  
"And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on me, on Him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over Him, as one weeps over a firstborn.

John 19:34  
**But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water.**

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What prophecy did Christ fulfil?

What does this reveal about God's character?

*Pray*

*The separation of blood of water signifies the finality of physical death. Thank Jesus that He died – fully and bodily. Praise Him that He went all the way to the grave that death might be defeated.*

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BY MEANS OF  
**HIS OWN  
BLOOD**  
THUS SECURING AN  
**ETERNAL  
SALVATION**  
”

HEBREWS 9:12

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# Darkness Over the Land

Amos 8:9    **Matthew 27:45**  
"And on that day,"    **Now from the sixth**  
declares the Lord God,    **hour there was**  
"I will make the sun go    **darkness over all the**  
down at noon    **land until the ninth**  
and darken the earth in    **hour.**  
broad daylight.

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What prophecy did Christ fulfil?

What does this reveal about God's character?

*Pray*

Consider the darkness of the day on which Christ died. Prayerfully, allow yourself to feel despair at the death of the Savior of the world. Thank God that this is not the end of the story, but just the beginning.

# Lots Cast for His Clothing

Psalm 22:18  
...they divide My garments  
among them,  
and for My clothing  
they cast lots.

John 19:24  
So they said to one  
another, "Let us not  
tear [His garment], but  
cast lots for it to see  
whose it shall be."

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What prophecy did Christ fulfil?

What does this reveal about God's character?

*Pray*

Every aspect of Jesus' life was taken advantage of. Thank Him that He did not cling to earthly possessions, but willingly gave everything up. Ask Him for the grace to follow His example.

## Buried in a Rich Man's Tomb

Isaiah 53:9

And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Matthew 27:57-61

Now when evening had come, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be given to him. When Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his new tomb...

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What prophecy did Christ fulfil?

What does this reveal about God's character?

*Pray*

Thank God that Christ fulfilled every aspect of Old Testament, Messianic prophecy. Thank Him for those He has called to be a part of His work (like Joseph); ask Him for an obedient heart to do the same.

A woman with long dark hair is wearing a navy blue and white horizontally striped short-sleeved dress. A red and black plaid shirt is tied around her waist. She is wearing a gold wide cuff bracelet on her right wrist and a necklace with a purple pendant. Her fingernails are painted a light blue. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with green foliage and a wooden trellis structure.

WHY DO YOU SEEK THE LIVING

AMONG THE DEAD? HE ISN'T

HERE - HE HAS RISEN!

*Luke 24:6*

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# *The Ultimate High Priest*

Leviticus 16:16

Thus he shall make atonement for the Holy Place, because of the uncleannesses of the people of Israel and because of their transgressions, all their sins. And so he shall do for the tent of meeting, which dwells with them in the midst of their uncleannesses.

Hebrews 9:11

But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) He entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of His own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.

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What prophecy did Christ fulfil?

What does this reveal about God's character?

*Pray*

Spend some time praising God that He was the ultimate and final High Priest who represents us before God. Thank Him that He gained access to God through His sacrificial death.

## *Three Days in the Grave*

Matthew 12:40  
For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

1 Corinthians 15:3-4  
For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.

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What prophecy did Christ fulfil?

What does this reveal about God's character?

*Pray*

Prayerfully reflect on the three days Jesus spend in the tomb. Thank Him that He fully experienced death that we might not experience spiritual death through separation from God in eternity.

## *Takes Up His Own Life*

John 10:17-18

For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of My own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from My Father.”

Luke 24:1-6a

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.”

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What prophecy did Christ fulfil?

What does this reveal about God’s character?

*Pray*

Thank Jesus that He not only laid down His life of His own accord, but that He took it up again. Thank Him that He rose again on the third day – Just as He said He would.

# Risen

John 2:19-21  
Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" But He was speaking about the temple of His body.

John 2:22  
**When therefore He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.**

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What prophecy did Christ fulfil?

What does this reveal about God's character?

## Pray

*Praise God that Jesus rose from the dead, just as He said. Thank God that through Christ's resurrection He put death to death, and secured the promise of bodily resurrection for you when He comes again.*

## *Coming Soon*

John 14:18-19  
"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you also will live."

Revelation 22:12-13  
Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with Me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

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What prophecy did Christ fulfil?

What does this reveal about God's character?

*Pray*

Praise God that because Jesus fulfilled all these prophecies (and more!) we can have full confidence in His promise to come for us again. Earnestly pray that Christ would come soon.



I AM  
THE ALPHA & THE OMEGA,  
THE FIRST & THE LAST, THE  
BEGINNING & THE END.

*Revelation 22:13*