Life Group Study Notes

HOWICK COMMUNITY CHURCH

Date: 28th March 2026

Sermon: **Why Easter**? - Old Testament Prophecies on Holy Week

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Scriptures: Various scriptures

There were 21 Prophecies fulfilled during the final week of Jesus's life.
Let's look at some of them**.** Read them in the OT and then the fulfilment in the NT**.**
Why are they significance to you?

OT Prophecy	NT Fulfilment	Subject of Prophecy
Psalm 22:1	Matthew 27:46	Forsaken by God / The "Cry of being forsaken"
Psalm 22:7-8	Luke 23:35	Mocked and insulted by onlookers
Psalm 22:16	John 20:25-27	Hands and feet pierced.
Psalm 22: 18	John 19:23-24	Soldiers cast lots for his clothing
Psalm 34:20	John 19: 33-36	Not one of his bones broken.
Psalm 22:15	John 19:28-29	Given vinegar for his thirst
Isaiah 53:3	John 1:11 7:5	Rejected by his own people
Isaiah 53:7	Matthew 27:12-14	Silence before his accusers
Isaiah 53:9	Matthew 27:57-60	Buried in a rich man tomb.
Isaiah 53:12	Mark 15:27-28	Crucified with criminals
Zechariah 12:10	John 19: 34-37	His side was pierced
Amos 8:9	Matthew 27:45	Darkness over the land at noon.
Exodus 12:6	Mark 15:34	Jesus died at 3pm Friday before Passover.

Questions on the above to answer:

- Which of these OT prophecies encourages you, or, you are totally amazed by? Why?
- What are the chances of 21 prophecies being fulfilled by Jesus in the final week of his life?
- How does the fulfilment of these seemingly minor details (like thirst or burial location) reinforce the reliability of Biblical prophecy? How are you encouraged by this?
- What is the significance of the "30 pieces of silver" being used to buy a "potter's field" as prophesied in Zechariah 11:13?
- Hebrews 10:8-18. How was Jesus's death on the cross able to be the final sacrifice for our sins.
- What is the new covenant mentioned in Jeremiah 31:31-34. How is this fulfilled by Jesus?

Prayer:
Heavenly Father, we are in awe of how Your sovereign hand has been moving through history, guiding the pens of prophets to reveal the path of Your Son long before He walked the earth. We can trust that You are equally faithful to manage the details of our lives today. May the reliability of Your prophecies give us the courage to trust You more and to rest in Your presence each day. Strengthen our resolve to walk by faith, knowing that what You have promised, You are more than able to perform. In Jesus' name, Amen.