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When It's Over John 19:28-30

Why could Jesus say "It is finished!"

- **He accomplished his _____.**
John 4:34; 5:36; 17:4
Hebrews 10:4-7
Luke 19:10
Luke 4:18-21
- **He died in our place to remove our _____.**
2 Corinthians 5:15, 21
Hebrews 9:11-14
- **He fulfilled every _____ prophecy concerning Messiah.**
- **He fulfilled the _____ by living it perfectly.**
Matthew 5:17
Galatians 3:21-24
- **Satan and his destructive influence are _____.**
Hebrews 2:14-15
Revelation 20:14

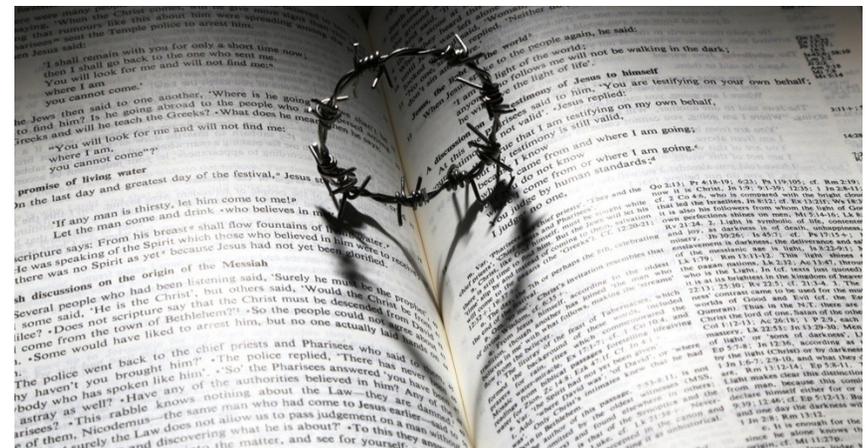
Jesus did the hard work of salvation, and now we can enter into the presence of God by being united with him in faith and baptism.

...AND YOU THINK THE GOVERNMENT BAIL-OUT IS A HUGE NUMBER!?

CONSIDER THIS NUMBER: 100,000,000,000,000,000

In Deuteronomy 18:22, God tells us how we can know whether or not a prophet comes from Him: *"If what a prophet proclaims in the name of the Lord does not take place or come true, that is a message the Lord has not spoken...."* The Bible is unique from ANY other book (religious or secular) in the world in that in the Old Testament (OT) alone, there are over 2,000 prophecies that have already come to pass. You will look in vain for anything as reliable as this in the world.

Of the more than 2,000 prophecies in the OT, more than 350 deal with the coming of Jesus, the Messiah. No other person in the history of humanity has been so prophetically detailed. Fred Meldau, author, points out that as few as five simple points of identification can single out any individual from the six billion other people in our world, yet with Christ we have over 350 points of identification.



For example, suppose your name is Tyler M. Barlage and somewhere in the world an envelope with that name and the address 1020 Bills Lane, St. Johns, MI, U.S.A. is mailed. It doesn't matter where in the world that letter is mailed, it will ultimately come to the right Tyler because it has the five key points of identification: the name, the street, the city, the state, and the country.

The Biblical prophecies pertaining to Jesus were made, at the very least, 200 years before He was born (and that's if you date the OT Minor Prophet books later). Many of the Psalms were written around 1,000-900 B.C., Isaiah was written around 700 B.C. Conservative scholars date Malachi, most likely the last prophet of the OT era, as having been written around 433 B.C. Imagine someone living in A.D. 1809, and earlier, making over 300 predictions about you, your birthplace, where you would live, your work, etc. And they all come true. Pretty hard to fathom, isn't it?

The more than 350 prophecies concerning Jesus Christ give us the date when He would come into the world (Daniel 9:24-27); the place He would be born: Bethlehem (Micah 5:2); and that He would be born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14). Furthermore, they give details of His ministry and how He would die: He is a priest (Psalm 110:4); He is Lord (Psalm 110:1); He would be preceded by a messenger announcing the inauguration of His ministry (Isaiah 40:3); He would enter Jerusalem on a donkey (Zechariah 9:9); He will be sold out for 30 pieces of silver (Zechariah 11:12); He will resurrect from the dead (Psalm 16:10); He would be wounded and bruised (Isaiah 53:5); His hands and feet would be pierced (Psalm 22:16); He will be crucified with thieves; His bones would not be broken (Psalm 34:20); and He would be buried in the grave of a rich man (Isaiah 53:9). These are just a few of the OT prophecies made about Jesus.

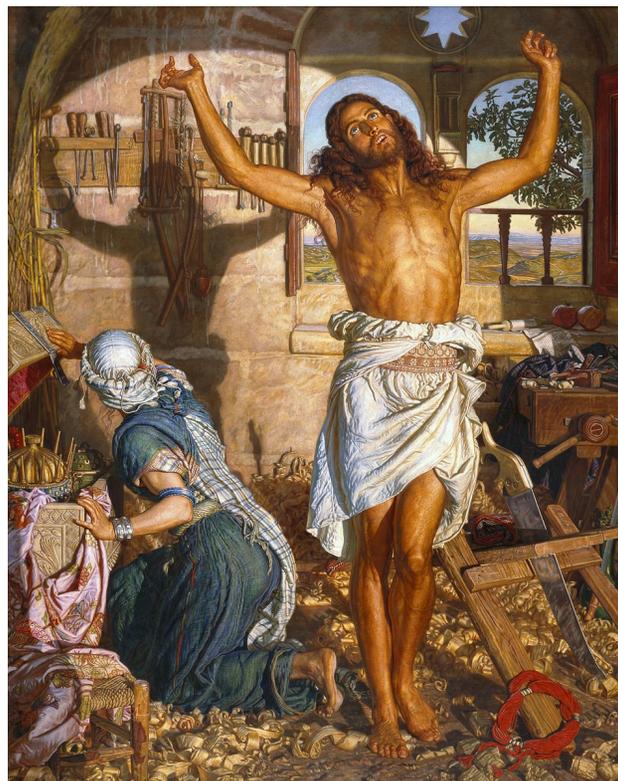
Mathematician Peter Stoner (past Chairman of the Mathematics and Astronomy Departments at Pasadena City College, and later Chairman of the science division at Westmont College) calculated the chances of any one person fulfilling even eight of these OT prophecies. He figured out that the

mathematical probability of one man fulfilling just eight of these OT prophecies was 100,000,000,000,000,000! That's 1 with 17 zeroes behind it.

To understand what that compares to, Stoner gave this analogy: Take 100,000,000,000,000,000 silver dollars and lay them on the face of Texas. They will cover all of the state two feet deep. Next, mark one of these silver dollars and stir the whole mass thoroughly, all over the state. Blindfold a person and tell them that they can travel as far as they wish, but they must pick up one silver dollar and say that this is the right one. What chance would they have of getting the right one? Just the same chance that the prophets would have had of writing eight prophecies and

having them all come true in any one man, from their day to the present time.

As if this doesn't boggle the mind enough, Stoner went on to demonstrate that the chances of anyone fulfilling 48 prophecies were 10 with 157 zeroes behind it. That Jesus of Nazareth fulfilled over 300 Messianic prophecies is compelling evidence not only that the Bible can be trusted and depended on, but that it is divinely inspired by God.



The Shadow of Death (1873), William H. Hunt