

# Joyful Life Bible Studies

## Easter Study

2011

### FIRST DAY: Jesus in the Psalms

1. What do you recall from last week's lesson or lecture?
  
2. David was not only a king, but also a shepherd, psalmist, and prophet. God promised David that the Messiah would come through his lineage. As a result, David was inspired by the Holy Spirit to write about the Messiah years before His advent. Choose two or more of the prophecies from the Psalms below and observe their fulfillment from the New Testament reference. Comment on the ones you choose:
  - a. Psalm 2:7 (Matthew 17:5)
  
  - b. Psalm 8:2 (Matthew 21:16)
  
  - c. Psalm 40:7-8 (John 5:39)
  
  - d. Psalm 45:2 (Luke 4:22)
  
  - e. Psalm 69:9a (John 2:17)
  
  - f. Psalm 78:2a (Matthew 13:34-35)
  
  - g. Psalm 91:11-12 (Matthew 4:6)
  
  - h. Psalm 110:4 (Hebrews 5:6)
  
  - i. Psalm 118:22-26 (Matthew 21:9, 42)
  
3. Ask the Lord to expand your understanding and appreciation of all that Jesus has done and will do for you.

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!*

Psalm 118:26

**SECOND DAY:** Read Mathew 26:36-64

1. Today we will focus on the betrayal, trial, and rejection of Jesus. Begin this day by recording the prophecy found in Psalm 41:9.
  - a. How was this prophecy fulfilled by the events of Matthew 26:23, 25?
  
2. Describe the agony of Jesus in the garden portrayed in Psalm 69:20.
  - a. How does this Psalm parallel the account in Matthew 26:36-46?
  
3. Compare Psalm 35:11 with Matthew 26:59-63. What do you see?
  
4. According to what Jesus said in Matthew 26:56, why was *all this done*?
  - a. God allowed David an insight into the purposeful suffering of Jesus the Messiah. What are your thoughts as you consider the purposeful betrayal, agony, and trial of Jesus?

**THIRD DAY:** Read Psalm 22

1. Psalm 22 divinely gives specific details on the crucifixion. From Psalm 22:1-18 answer the following questions:
  - a. What happened at the crucifixion? See Psalm 22:16-18.
    - (1) In what way did this come to pass in Matthew 27:35?
    - (2) How does the prophecy found in Psalm 34:20 pertain to this?
  - b. According to Psalm 22:6-8, what happened while Jesus hung on the cross?
    - (1) How was this fulfilled in Matthew 27:39-44?

c. What did Jesus cry out from the cross? See Psalm 22:1.

(1) Remark on what you observe in Matthew 27:46.

2. Psalm 69:21 was fulfilled by the events recorded in Matthew 27:34. What happened?
3. Psalm 31:5a prophesies Jesus' final words on the cross before He proclaimed, *It is finished!* Using Luke 23:46 and this Psalm, print His proclamation.
4. How does the crucifixion prove God's love for you?

**FOURTH DAY:** Read Psalm 16:10

1. The Psalms also contain prophecies concerning the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Print the prophecy found in Psalm 16:10.
  - a. According to John 20:9, what did the disciples still *not know from the Scriptures*?
  - b. What illumination did the disciples receive according to Acts 13:34-35?
    - (1) What illumination do you receive from this account?
2. Write the prophecy found in Psalm 68:18a.
  - a. Paul underscored this glorious truth in Ephesians 4:8-10. How did Paul explain this prophecy?
3. What promises are yours because of Jesus' resurrection?
  - a. In one short sentence express your response to what Jesus has done for you.

**FIFTH DAY:** Read Psalm 2

1. Details of the last battle and the reign of Christ are found in the Psalms and in the book of Revelation. From Psalm 2:1-3 describe the *rage* and schemes of the nations.
  - a. How do you see this rage being displayed today?
  - b. Relate the events of Acts 4:23-30 to Psalm 2. What do you see?
  - c. Despite the nations' rage, what intentions of God will not be thwarted? Psalm 2:6-9
  - d. What advice does the psalmist urge in Psalm 2:10-12?
    - (1) Why is this wise advice?
2. Psalm 45:3-4 declares the majesty of our conquering King. How is He described?
  - a. From Revelation 19:11-16 remark on how this prophecy will be fulfilled.
3. Jesus, Who was crucified and rose from the dead, is our conquering King. What encouragement does this truth give you today?

**SIXTH DAY:** Review

1. How do the prophecies found in the Psalms below minister to you today:
  - a. Life and ministry of Jesus – Psalm 23
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. Betrayal, trial, and rejection of Jesus – Psalm 69:20
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - c. Crucifixion of Jesus – Psalm 22:16-18
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - d. Resurrection of Jesus – Psalm 16:10
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - e. The Messianic reign of Jesus – Psalm 45:3-4
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. How do you desire to see Jesus glorified this Easter?

*Lo, I am with you always,  
even to the end of the age. Amen.  
Matthew 28:20b*