

The crucifixion was not a failure.
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Main passage: Psalms 71:1-9

Another passages: Isaiah 53, Mark 14:53 - 61, Daniel 7:13-14

We ask the church to pray for the trips that have been organized to Israel can be done. We believe in the power of God and that he has everything under control.

Many things that were discovered in the past, although for us is normal now, at that time it was a complete revolution. From all the most important has been the incarnation of Jesus, His death, His resurrection and shortly His second coming.

His death was a triumph, it was prophesied that it would happen and it was one of the many many prophecies that were fulfilled in His life. 800 years before he was born in Bethlehem , one prophet, Isaiah, perfectly wrote with a lot of details about the crucifixion, about the life of the Lord Jesus Christ. Let's go to Isaiah 53. Some say that this sufferings are not concerning the suffering of the Messiah but the suffering of the people of Israel, indeed the people of Israel has suffered a lot though history but this chapter talks about the suffering of the Messiah and not the people of Israel. Rabbis have done an effort to convince the people that this chapter have nothing to do with the Messiah, but if you read it you can see perfectly that it talks about the Messiah

Isaiah 53: 1-12

Can't you see? He is in each on of the verses, of the words, He, He , the Lord Jesus Christ is everywhere, 800 years before it happened the prophet talked about Him by divine revelation Isaiah described Him in a extraordinary way, all those sufferings had a result, crucifixion was a triumph for the glory of God.

Sadly not everyone believes this. (A video is shown in which the pope, who the catholics have as their representative, talks about the crucifixion) . This representative and leader of the catholics says in this video that the crucifixion of God was a failure. He is completely wrong, for the only one that was a failure was for the devil, but for us is a resounded victory, it means to live from victory to victory. It was not easy to get there, Jesus had a fight in Gethsemane and there He said to the Father not to do His will but the Father's will, He renounced to His man's will and He voluntarily decided to go to the cross to carry the sin of all human race in His shoulders, He died for all those that were not even born and before I loved Him, He loved us, praise God.

The disciples did not expect for this to end like this, for a us that we know it is a victory over sin , but for the disciples they did not expect what they thought it was the ending, so terrible, that night all ran away and for them it was the worst night of their life. They had left everything for Him because they thought He was the true Messiah, they did not realise that first the Messiah had to suffer in the cross. For them it was a failure and a very sad night, Where were them that night?. Maybe they had not read Isaiah 53. How would they go back to their families saying that they were wrong? Million of thoughts surely went through their mind that night, they had forgotten something that the Lord had said, that on the third day something would happen, that there was victory after the pain, that they would experience the greatest joy in their life because after those three days they would see Him again. Maybe they forgot that the Lord after dying was going to rise after three days, no even Mary, His mother, but another Mary did remember this, one that was very thankful, and she goes to the tomb in the morning and she is worried about who is going to move the stone away from the entrance of the tomb, but when they got to the tomb they saw that the stone was not there anymore, and when she is about to go she hears “ Mary, don't cry, don't look among the death for the One that has risen, go and tell the disciples that He has risen”

The resurrection shows that Jesus was not a liar, He was not an impostor, it shows that He really was the Messiah, the Son of God, if He would not have risen we could not say He was the true Messiah.

If you analyze the judgement He had that night, what was the reason they they crucified the Lord? The crime was not that he proclaimed himself to be the Messiah, this is not a felony, this is not the reason why He was sentenced to be dead. Why killing someone that give us food, someone that heals, someone that does miracles, someone that gives freedom from demons? Why are you going to do that? They did not kill Him because of what He did. In the gospel of Mark 14 there is a question they make to him and the answer is what provokes them to say: “ ok, now we got you”.

Mark 14: 53- 64. See in verse 61 the fulfillment of Isaiah 53:7. In verse 62 He says something very profound, there is an explanation to understand this, I will read you from where His answer comes from and you will be very blessed. Was what the Lord said, His answer in verse 62, so bad for them to react like this? What was what impacted the high priest from His answer in verse 62?

⁶² And Jesus said, I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.

We need to read Daniel 7: 13 -14

¹³ I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

¹⁴ And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

God gives authority to this Son of Man, so Jesus did not exist only from when He was born, but He is everlasting, He adds that He is the Son of Man that is sitting next to the Father and the only one that appears in the bible that uses the clouds is God. He is telling them: "The one Daniel saw in the vision is the one you have in front of you", and that is the reason they sent Him to die.

Jesus was not created by God to come and die for us. The Son of Man that talks about in the book of Daniel is Jesus, and He will come back and all eyes will see Him, and every knee will bow and confess He is the Lord for the glory of God the Father.

That's the reason they crucified him . We know that it was not a product of casualty, all that needed to happen, nothing went out of the control of God.

Some say that God is the creator and has authority but that He gave men freedom to choose, some choose the good and some the bad, and they think that He gave the nature laws and everything that happens is product of nature and of the decisions of men, and that God left the word to the consequences. There is another group like us that we don't think He only created the universe and gave men the capacity of taking decisions, we think that He never stopped caring for mankind, He never left men, we believe in a God that looks for men, that when men fall and sin God looks for them and that like with Adam says: Where are you? . Why does God asked Adam where he was if He knows everything? To show men that God looks for them in the midst of their sin, in the midst of their sadness God wants to look for men, in the midst of their sickness, in the midst of their illness, in the midst of their emptiness, in the midst of their mess, God looks for men, He sent His only begotten Son , He himself incarnated, we believe that Jesus is God, that is the pillar of our faith, He is Emmanuel God with us, we believe that Jesus is the one Daniel talked about, we believe that ¹⁶ For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and by him all things consist (Colossians 1:16-17)

So the crucifixion of the Lord Jesus was not a failure, the crucifixion was a crucial moment in the history of humanity, universe was impacted, it broke and destroyed curses and bindings, it broke the power of the devil over humanity. The one who

regains the victory, the everlasting life, the authority and the comunicon with the Father, Jesus, He came to the world so we can have communion again with God, and the resurrection for us is the principal stone to know that we came not here just for singing based on emotions, we have our faith in a living God that was risen on the third day and with our songs we express that. When He died in the cross, the ones that condemned Jesus were not the romans nor the jews, they were only instruments, they did it fruit of ignorance, as the apostle Paul says. Comunion was broken at that moment , the Son said "In your hands I commend my spirit". In the worst moment of His life, a moment of agony, of loneliness, of suffering, the only thing He has, His spirit, He gives it to the Father knowing that the death was not going to retain His spirit but on the third day He would rise from the death.

We have this truth that many people don't have, ask the Lord to help you to say to everyone that Jesus died and He rose again and He will come back triumphantly.

Without this reality we are like others that have a religion but not a relationship with God, but we have a personal relationship with a God that is alive, we can live and rest at peace because the Lord is with us. Sometimes the Lord allows thing in our life for our good because He is not unjust, he will allow things but the bible teach us that we should not fear bad because the Lord is our fortress and help, and from the anguish we pray to Him and he responds, the Lord is our help and our fortress.

May the Lord keep us.