

Jesus Christ our Lord... He has truly risen! Every event that occurred during the crucifixion, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus had a divine purpose and profound revelation. No event happened by chance or outside God's plan.

Even the event of Jesus carrying His cross to Golgotha, wounded and weakened, was foretold: He was "like a lamb led to the slaughter."

Isaiah 53:7 (ESV):

"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."

The piercing of Jesus' side was also prophesied (*Zechariah 12:10*) and had deep significance both spiritually and physically. Spiritually, it revealed purification through blood and water. Through His blood, our sins are cleansed and complete forgiveness is obtained, and through water, we are sanctified by God's Word (*Ephesians 5:26*).

Physically, the piercing confirmed His death. Had He not been pierced, people might have assumed He was still alive when taken down from the

cross or placed in the tomb, giving rise to false claims during His resurrection. The Lord, in His sovereignty, allowed this so that eyewitnesses could verify His death—because naturally, no one survives a piercing through the heart. The Romans used this method to ensure that victims were truly dead.

Similarly, the inscription Pilate ordered above the cross was not by chance but held profound spiritual meaning. Written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin, it symbolized that the message of Christ would later be proclaimed to all nations in every language.

John 19:19-22 (ESV):

“Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, ‘Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.’ Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek. So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, ‘Do not write, “The King of the Jews,” but rather, “He said, I am King of the Jews.”’ Pilate answered, ‘What I have written I have written.’”

A few days later, on the day of Pentecost, those filled with the Holy Spirit were heard speaking in the tongues of all nations known at the time. This

fulfilled the prophecy that the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection would be proclaimed worldwide. The gospel began to spread across the earth, first in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin, and now in over 6,000 languages yet Christ's message remains proclaimed everywhere.

Furthermore, the placement of a large stone sealing the tomb was deliberate. Its size ensured no human could tamper with the grave, and it had to be moved by several men. The women who went to the tomb on the first day of the week still needed assistance to approach it.

Mark 16:2-4 (ESV):

**"And very early on the first day of the week, they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, 'Who will roll*

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