

Have Life! More Abundantly!

John 19:36 & John 20:31 boldly declares:

"For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled . . . But these were written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name."

The Prophets foretold of the coming of the Redeemer. Truly, Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of all prophecy. The prophetic Word reveals Christ: that was its purpose. All of the Old Testament reveals and tells the prophetic story of a Redeemer who was coming. And not one detail was overlooked. That is why the gospel writers of the New Testament were constantly declaring, *"and this was to fulfill what was written..."*

Why is this important? If every detail of Christ's birth, ministry, death and resurrection were recorded thousands of years *prior* to the actual occurrence, we all must take notice. The cynic wants evidence. This is the greatest evidence of all. The historical record verifies it so. The testimony of the Apostles and believers in every age refer not only to Jesus' life and resurrection, but to the fulfilled prophecies which were written 1500 years prior to Jesus' coming!

So, we possess current testimony and tradition, the written testimony of the New Testament writers, the historical record of the Apostolic fathers, the historical record of a historical Jesus, the witness of the Holy Spirit in our hearts, and, finally, the Old Testament prophets who foretold all of these events. The uncanny accuracy of the fulfillment of scripture is the greatest evidence to reveal who Jesus truly is. You see, He **is** the Word made flesh! He **is** the One who spoke to the Prophets and told them what to write down in the first place – that we might believe! And Jesus declared to us all:

"I have come that you may have life, and life more abundantly!"

This Easter Season may the life of God overtake all that you do!

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