

# *HOLY SCRIPTURES IN THE ROSARY*

**A Biblical Basis for Meditating  
On Jesus Christ in the Rosary Mysteries  
With Old Testament Prophecies & Types  
And New Testament Gospel Witness  
From Matthew, Mark, Luke and John,  
The Acts of the Apostles, and Revelation**

“Every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old.” Matthew 13:52



**OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY OF FATIMA**

## **The Rosary Mysteries as a Summary of the Gospels**

How is the rosary prayed? As is traditional with Catholic prayers, it begins and ends with the sign of the cross, a proclamation of our belief in the Holy Trinity that also signals our faith in Christ's saving act of redemptive suffering. This is followed by an ancient formula declaring our major Christian beliefs, known as the Apostle's Creed, that also summarizes the rosary mysteries. Then, the rosary's three component prayers (Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, and a Glory Be) prepare for meditations on the rosary mysteries with petitions for increases in faith, hope, and love. Usually prayed as 1 set of 5 mysteries at a time, the full rosary is a series of 20 mysteries. After each mystery is announced, it begins with the Lord's prayer (Our Father), followed by a decade (10 Hail Marys), and ends with a Doxology to the Trinity (Glory Be). A prayer to Jesus for mercy taught by Our Lady at Fatima is added after each mystery at her request. The rosary ends with the Hail Holy Queen prayer imploring Mary's help in her role in God's plan. Yet, these prayers are not the totality. The heart of the rosary lies in meditating on each mystery, with the 4 sets of 5 mysteries designated as Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful, and Glorious. Prayerful consideration of the events described in each mystery increases our appreciation of the love of Jesus Christ for us.

To help make meditations on these mysteries most fruitful, contemplating the words of Holy Scripture enables us to visualize the events and appreciate the truths contained in the words and actions as they were recorded for our instruction. Each mystery occurs in a larger context. The gospels provide the important information that leads to and/or follows after the event portrayed by the name of the mystery. Considering the preliminary and subsequent events helps form a greater appreciation of the depth in each occurrence. Some mysteries are very briefly described in the gospels and need to be understood together with related material to develop a more complete perspective. Thus, praying the rosary while using the associated Scriptures as the basis for our meditations offers profound insights into their meaning and importance for our lives. The gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John offer different accounts of many of the same historical events. Therefore, the combined use of these sources of "good news" gives a more thorough description of the work of God through Jesus and in Mary and its implications in our own lives.

The final 4 Glorious mysteries of the rosary are not found in these 4 gospels. Though the ascension of Jesus is briefly mentioned in the gospels of Mark and Luke, it is more fully described, along with the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, in the Acts of the Apostles written by Luke. This book is sometimes called the gospel of the Holy Spirit. The assumption and coronation of Mary are also not included in the gospel narratives, nor are they recorded in the Acts. However, one key to Scriptural meditation on these mysteries is remembering Christ's words on the cross to "the disciple whom he loved," recognized in that instance as the apostle and gospel author John. [However, all Christians should consider themselves as disciples whom Jesus loves and relate to the descriptions of that disciple in John's gospel: closeness with Jesus during the Lord's supper (13:23) and at his cross (19:26), believing the evidence of his empty tomb (20:2,8), recognizing Jesus in a stranger (21:7), following Peter and Jesus (21:20), and testifying to Jesus (21:24).] When Jesus said to this beloved disciple (as to us, his beloved), "Behold your mother," it says "from that hour the disciple took her into his home."

Knowledge of John's relationship to the Blessed Mother allows us to recognize that she was present behind the scenes in Jerusalem as his involvement is described in the Acts of the Apostles. Her assumption is said to have occurred prior to the martyrdom of his brother James (Acts 12:2), during the time John and Our Lady lived near Ephesus. Descriptions by John in the book of Revelation symbolically refer to Our Lady's maternal role on earth and her glory in the heavenly kingdom. This book may be considered the gospel of the final age, describing the trials, martyrdom and glory of faithful Christians. Mary's part in the salvific drama coincides with that of the heavenly angels and her spiritual children on earth as explicitly described. Michael and his angels cast down Satan with his minions, who attempts to destroy the influence of the mother of Christ and her children who remain faithful to God's commands and their witness to Jesus. As the Word of God triumphs, Satan is bound, and Christ reigns on earth with the faithful. The preparation for Christ's second coming and God's kingdom is faithfulness to God's saving Word, a grace accessible through praying the holy rosary.

## **Prophecies of the Rosary Mysteries in the Old Testament**

One unique feature of Jesus Christ is the repeated promise in Holy Scriptures of his coming. The Messiah of Israel was proclaimed by Old Testament prophets. The Jewish nation itself is known as God's chosen people. This designation not only signifies the close relationship that Israel enjoyed with God, as shown by His personal intimacy with the patriarchs and Moses, by the commandments He gave to Moses, in His leading the people through the judges, and in His instructing the people through prophets. The Hebrew people literally became God's own people when His Word incarnated as a human being, Jesus of Nazareth, born of Mary through the power of the Holy Spirit. The entire history of the Israelites was a preparation for God's coming in Jesus the Christ, as a people made to be holy for the Lord. The inspired prophetic words given to this people in anticipation of this One who was to come were to identify him on his arrival. However, "to his own he came, yet his own did not accept him" (John 1:11), except for a faithful remnant.

As the Messiah of Israel, Jesus came to fulfill the law and the prophets (Matthew 5:17). On the day of his resurrection from the dead, when Jesus appeared to his disciples gathered together, "He said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures." (Luke 24:44-45) Moses, the major figure of the exodus from Egypt (1250 BC) as the saving action of God, was the lawgiver and the prophet most intimate with God. David was both the king (1010 BC) who secured the kingdom of Israel and a prophet who composed inspired psalms. Jeremiah was a priest chosen by God to prophecy the Babylonian captivity (587 BC). They all prophesied and modeled the sufferings of the Messiah as God's obedient servant. All of the books of the Old Testament anticipate the coming of the Messiah (anointed priest/prophet/king) either by prophecy or by prefiguring his life with events in the lives of one of the God-given saviors of their people. These "types" of Christ include: Melchizedek, Isaac, Joseph, Moses, Samuel, David, Solomon, Elijah, Elisha, Jeremiah, and Jonah. As Jesus is the spiritual Adam (1 Corinth. 15:45), so "the woman" Mary is as an obedient Eve. Mary, the virgin mother of God, likewise is prefigured by a number of faithful and heroic women in Jewish salvation history: Sarah, Hannah, Esther, and Judith. She is even prefigured by the Mosaic ark of covenant, as her body is the new ark of the Covenant who is Jesus Himself.

Prophecy is not primarily a matter of predicting future events, nor is it a phenomenon from the distant past. Prophecy is speaking God's word by the power of the Holy Spirit to inform, instruct, or warn. It often has implications for future events that depend on the response of people to God's revealed words. A modern example of this are the messages received by three shepherd children (Lucia, Francisco, Jacinta) in 1917 from Our Lady of Fatima. Besides giving the 3 prophetic secrets on July 13, Our Lady requested each month that the rosary be prayed daily for peace. On that same day Our Lady also asked for communions of reparation and that sacrifices be offered for the love of Jesus, the conversion of sinners, and in reparation to her Immaculate Heart. She later explained that receiving sacramental confession and Holy Communion on the first Saturday of 5 consecutive months, accompanied by a 5-decade rosary and 15 minutes of meditation on the mysteries to "keep me company," should be offered in reparation. Mary promised that this devotion as a means of grace would help prevent war and assure her assistance at the hour of our death. Mary is the mother of the Church. Her role in salvation history did not end 2000 years ago; she continues speaking with a prophetic voice to this day.

One good way to meditate on each rosary mystery is to consider the associated prophecy or prefigurement before praying the Our Father. Then recall a gospel passage before each Hail Mary is prayed. After the Glory Be to the Trinity is proclaimed, end with the prayer Our Lady gave to the children at Fatima on July 13 after revealing the secrets: "Oh my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell; lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of thy mercy." Prayed this way, the rosary will help bring into our lives God's graces, mercy and peace through the love of Our Lord and Redeemer Jesus Christ and His Holy Spirit and by the prayers of His and our Blessed Mother Mary.

## **ROSARY PRAYERS**

### **The Apostles' Creed:**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son, Our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into Hell; the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

### **The Our Father:**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

### **The Hail Mary:**

Hail Mary, full of grace! the Lord is with thee; blessed are thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

### **Glory be to the Father:**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### **Prayer Requested By Our Lady at Fatima:**

O My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy.

### **Hail Holy Queen:**

Hail! Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, O most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement! O loving! O sweet Virgin Mary!

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

### **Prayer After The Rosary:**

O God, whose only-begotten Son, by His life, death and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life; grant, we beseech Thee, that, meditating upon these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Bible Used for Scripture Verses:**

*The New American Bible* (and the Revised New Testament) 1994-1995 Edition,  
authorized by the CCD and approved by the NCCB and the USCC.

# ***THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES***

## **I. THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE INCARNATION OF JESUS BY THE ANGEL**

*Prophesied*     Isaiah 7:13-14

Listen, O house of David! Is it not enough for you to weary men, must you also weary my God!? Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall be with child, and bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.

*Prefigured*     Genesis 18:1,9,12

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the terebinth of Mamre. ... "Where is your wife Sarah? ... I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah will then have a son." ... So Sarah laughed. ... The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh? ... Is anything too marvelous for the LORD to do? At the appointed time, ... I will return to you, and Sarah will have a son."

- John 1:1,14     1) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ... And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.
- Luke 1:26-27     2) The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary.
- 1:28-29     3) Coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.
- 1:30-32     4) The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High."
- 1:32-34     5) "The Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?"
- 1:35     6) And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God."
- 1:36-37     7) "Behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God."
- 1:38     8) Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.
- Matt. 1:20     9) The angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her."
- 1:21-22     10) "She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet.

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## **II. THE VISITATION OF MARY TO ELIZABETH AND ZECHARIAH**

*Prophesied* 2 Samuel 6:9,11,14; 7:8-9,16

David ... said, "How can the ark of the LORD come to me?" ... The ark of the LORD remained in the house ... 3 months. ... David ... came dancing before ... the ark of the LORD with abandon. ... "Speak thus to my servant David, ... I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth. ... Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me."

*Prefigured* 1 Samuel 2:1-2,5,7-8

As Hannah worshipped the LORD, she said: "My heart exults in the LORD, my horn is exalted in my God. ... I rejoice in my victory. There is no Holy One like the LORD. ... The well-fed hire themselves out for bread, while the hungry batten on spoil. ... The LORD makes poor and makes rich, he humbles, he also exalts. He raises the needy from the dust ... to seat them with nobles."

- Luke 1:39-41 1) During those days Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb.
- 1:41-43 2) Elizabeth, filled with Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?"
- 1:44-45 3) "For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."
- 1:46-48 4) Mary said, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior. For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness; behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed."
- 1:49-50 5) "The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is from age to age to those who fear him."
- 1:51-53 6) "He has shown might with his arm, dispersed the arrogant of mind and heart. He has thrown down the rulers from their thrones but lifted up the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things; the rich he has sent away empty."
- 1:54-56 7) "He has helped Israel his servant, remembering his mercy, according to his promise to our fathers, to Abraham and to his descendants forever." Mary remained with her about 3 months.
- 1:57,59,63-4 8) When the time arrived for Elizabeth to have her child, she gave birth to a son. ... When they came on the eighth day to circumcise the child, ... Zechariah wrote: "John is his name." Immediately his mouth was opened, his tongue freed.
- 1:67-69 9) Zechariah his father, filled with the Holy Spirit, prophesied, saying: "Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people. He has raised up a horn for our salvation within the house of David his servant."
- 1:76-77,79 10) "And you, child, will be called prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give his people knowledge of salvation through forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God."

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## **III. THE NATIVITY OF JESUS IN BETHLEHEM**

*Prophesied* Micah 5:1-2,4

You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah, ... from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel; whose origin is from of old, from ancient times. Therefore the LORD will give them up, until the time when she who is to give birth has borne. ... He shall be peace.

*Prefigured* 1 Kings 10:1-2,4-6,9-10

The queen of Sheba, having heard of Solomon's fame, .... arrived in Jerusalem. ... When the queen of Sheba witnessed Solomon's great wisdom, ... she was breathless. She told the king, ... "In his enduring love for Israel, the LORD has made you king to carry out judgment and justice." Then she gave the king 120 gold talents, a very large quantity of spices, and precious stones.

Luke 2:4-5 1) Joseph went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

2:6-7 2) While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

2:8-9 3) Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear.

2:10-11 4) The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord."

2:13-15 5) Suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." ... The angels went away from them to heaven.

2:15-16 6) The shepherds said to one another, "Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, that the Lord has made known to us." So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger.

2:17-18 7) When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.

Matt. 2:1-2 8) In the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

2:9-10 9) After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star.

2:11 10) On entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

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## **IV. THE PRESENTATION OF THE INFANT JESUS IN THE TEMPLE**

*Prophesied* Malachi 3:1-3

Suddenly there will come to the temple the LORD whom you seek, and the messenger of the covenant whom you desire. Yes, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who will endure the day of his coming? ... He will purify the sons of Levi ... that they may offer due sacrifice to the LORD.

*Prefigured* 1 Samuel 1:24-25,28

Once he was weaned, she brought him up with her ... and presented him at the temple of the LORD in Shiloh. After the boy's father had sacrificed the young bull, Hannah, his mother approached Eli and said, ... "Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD."

- Luke 2:21 1) When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.
- 2:22-24 2) When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, ... and to offer the sacrifice.
- 2:25-26 3) [Simeon] was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Messiah of the Lord.
- 2:27-28 4) [Simeon] came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God.
- 2:29-32 5) "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel."
- 2:33-34 6) The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel."
- 2:34-35 7) "[He is] to be a sign that will be contradicted, and you yourself a sword will pierce, so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."
- 2:36-38 8) There was also a prophetess, Anna. .... She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. ... She gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.
- 2:39 9) When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.
- 2:40 10) The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

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## **V. THE FINDING OF THE CHILD JESUS IN THE TEMPLE**

*Prophesied* 2 Samuel 7:4-5,12-14

The LORD spoke to Nathan and said: “Go tell my servant David, ... I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, ... It is he who shall build a house for my name. And I will make his royal throne firm forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.”

*Prefigured* 1 Samuel 2:11,20; 3:1,3

When Elkanah returned home to Ramah, the child remained in the service of the LORD under the priest Eli. ... Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, as they were leaving for home. ... During the time young Samuel was minister to the LORD under Eli, ... Samuel was sleeping in the temple of the LORD where the ark of God was.

Luke 2:41-42 1) Each year his parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom.

2:43 2) After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jeruslaem, but his parents did not know it.

2:44 3) Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances.

2:45-46 4) Not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple.

2:46 5) [Jesus was] sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.

2:47-48 6) All who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished.

2:48 7) His mother said to him, “Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety.”

2:49 8) He said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?”

2:50-51 9) They did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them.

2:51-52 10) His mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

# ***THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES***

## **I. THE BAPTISM OF JESUS IN THE JORDAN RIVER BY JOHN**

*Prophesied* Isaiah 42:1,6-7

Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased. Upon whom I have put my spirit; he shall bring forth justice to the nations. ... I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice, I have grasped you by the hand; I formed you, and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners.

*Prefigured* 1 Samuel 16:4,11-13

Samuel did as the LORD commanded him. ... Samuel asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" Jesse replied, "There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep." Samuel said, "Send for him." ... The LORD said, "There – anoint him, for this is he!" Then Samuel, ... anointed him. ... The spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.

- John 1:6-7,9 1) A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ... The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.
- Luke 3:16 2) John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."
- Mark 1:9 3) It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John.
- Matt. 3:14-15 4) John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" Jesus said to him in reply, "Allow it for now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed him.
- 3:16 5) After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him.
- 3:17 6) A voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."
- John 1:29-30 7) John ... said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.' "
- 1:33-34 8) "I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' "
- 1:34-37 9) "Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God." The next day John was there again with 2 of his disciples, and as he saw Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The 2 disciples ... followed Jesus.
- 1:40-42 10) Andrew was one of the 2. ... He told his brother Simon, "We have found the Messiah." ... Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus ... said, "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Kephas" (translated Peter).

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## **II. THE MANIFESTATION OF JESUS AT THE WEDDING FEAST AT CANA**

*Prophesied*     Isaiah 55:1-3

All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk! ... You shall delight in rich fare. ... I will renew with you the everlasting covenant, the benefits assured to David.

*Prefigured*     2 Kings 2:19-22

Once the inhabitants of the city complained to Elisha, ... "The water is bad and the land unfruitful." "Bring me a new bowl," Elisha said, "and put salt into it." When they had brought it to him, he went out to the spring and threw salt into it, saying, "Thus says the LORD, 'I have purified this water.' " ... And the water has stayed pure even to this day.

- John 2:1-2     1) There was a wedding in Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding.
- 2:3           2) When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."
- 2:4           3) Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come."
- 2:5           4) His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you."
- 2:6-7         5) Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding 20-30 gallons. Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water."
- 2:7-8         6) They filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it.
- 2:9           7) When the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from (although the servers who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter called the bridegroom.
- 2:10          8) He said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now."
- 2:11          9) Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.
- 2:12-13       10) After this, he and his mother, brothers, and his disciples went down to Capernaum and stayed there only a few days. Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

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## **III. THE PROCLAMATION OF THE GOOD NEWS OF THE KINGDOM BY JESUS**

*Prophesied* Deuteronomy 18:17-19

The LORD said to Moses, “This was well said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kinsmen, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him. If any man will not listen to my words which he speaks in my name, I myself will make him answer for it.”

*Prefigured* Deuteronomy 30:15-16,19-20; 31:1

“I have today set before you life and prosperity, death and doom. If you obey the commandments of the LORD, ... loving him and walking in his ways, ... your God will bless you in the land you are entering to occupy. ... Choose life, then, that you and your descendants may live, by loving the LORD, your God, heeding his voice, and holding fast to him.” ... Moses had finished.

- John 3:5,22 1) “Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.” ... After this, Jesus and his disciples went into the region of Judea, where he spent some time with them baptizing.
- Mark 1:14-15 2) After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: “This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”
- Luke 12:31-33 3) “Seek his kingdom, and these other things will be given you besides. Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your belongings and give alms.”
- 13:29 4) “You will see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God. ... People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God.”
- 17:20-21 5) “The coming of the kingdom of God cannot be observed, and no one will announce, ... ‘There it is.’ For behold, the kingdom of God is among you.”
- Matt. 5:3,10 6) “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ... Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”
- 7:20-21 7) “By their fruits you will know them. Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.”
- 10:5,7-8 8) Jesus sent out the 12. ... “Make this proclamation: ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons. Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give.”
- 16:17-19 9) “Blessed are you, Simon. ... I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church. ... I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven.”
- 18:3-4 10) “Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.”

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## **IV. THE TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS ON THE MOUNTAIN**

*Prophesied*     Isaiah 9:1,5-6

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. ... A son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. His dominion is vast and forever peaceful, from David's throne, and over his kingdom which he confirms and sustains by judgment and justice, both now and forever.

*Prefigured*     Exodus 34:30,34

When Aaron, then, and the other Israelites saw Moses and noticed how radiant the skin of his face had become, they were afraid to come near him. ... Whenever Moses entered the presence of the LORD to converse with him, ... the Israelites would see that the skin of Moses' face was radiant.

- Luke 9:28-29     1) Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance.
- Matt. 17:2        2) He was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.
- Luke 9:30-31    3) Behold, 2 men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem.
- 9:32        4) Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the 2 men standing with him.
- 9:33        5) As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master it is good that we are here; let us make 3 tents, 1 for you, 1 for Moses, and 1 for Elijah." But he did not know what he was saying.
- 9:34        6) While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud.
- Matt. 17:5        7) Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."
- 17:6-8     8) When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone.
- Mark 9:9-10     9) Coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.
- Matt. 17:10-13 10) The disciples asked him, "Why do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?" ... "I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him." ... Then they understood that he was speaking to them of John the Baptist.

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## **V. THE INSTITUTION OF THE EUCHARIST AT THE LAST PASSOVER OF JESUS**

*Prophesied* Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel. ... It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers. ... They broke my covenant and I had to show myself their master. ... I will place my law within them, and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God. ... I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more.

*Prefigured* Genesis 14:18-20

Melchizedek, king of Salem, brought out bread and wine, and being a priest of God Most High, he blessed Abram with these words: "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, the creator of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who delivered your foes into your hand." Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

Luke 22:8,14-5 1) Jesus sent out Peter and John, instructing them, "Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover." ... He took his place at table with the apostles. He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer."

22:19 2) He took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me."

Matt. 26:27-28 3) Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins."

Luke 22:27-30 4) "I am among you as the one who serves. It is you who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer a kingdom on you, ... that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom; and you will sit on thrones judging the 12 tribes of Israel."

22:31-34 5) "Simon, Simon, ... I have prayed that your own faith may not fail; and once you have turned back, you must strengthen your brothers. ... I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny 3 times that you know me."

John 14:6-7 6) "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

14:26-27 7) "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name – he will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. ... Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."

15:5,9 8) "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. ... As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love; ... keep my commandments."

15:12-14 9) "This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you."

17:1-2,20-21 10) "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, ... so that he may give eternal life to all you gave him. ... I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one ... in us."

# ***THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES***

## **I. THE AGONY OF JESUS IN THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE**

*Prophesied* Isaiah 53:8,10-12

Oppressed and condemned, he was taken away; ... smitten for the sin of his people. ... Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him in infirmity. If he gives his life as an offering for sin, ... the will of the LORD shall be accomplished through him. ... Through his suffering, my servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear. ... He surrendered himself to death.

*Prefigured* Genesis 37:8,27-28

“Are you really going to make yourself king over us?” his brothers asked him. ... “Let us sell him to these Ishmaelites, instead of doing away with him ourselves. After all, he is our brother, our own flesh.” His brothers agreed. They sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver.

Mark 14:32-33 1) They came to a place named Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” He took with him Peter, James, and John, and began to be troubled and distressed.

14:34-35 2) Then he said to them, “My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch.” He advanced a little and fell to the ground and prayed that if it were possible the hour might pass by him.

14:36-37 3) He said, “Abba, Father, all things are possible to you. Take this cup away from me, but not what I will but what you will.” When he returned he found them asleep. He said, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for 1 hour?”

14:38-40 4) “Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak.” Withdrawing again, he prayed, saying the same thing. Then he returned once more and found them asleep. They could not keep their eyes open.

Luke 22:43 5) To strengthen him an angel from heaven appeared to him. He was in such agony and he prayed so fervently that his sweat became like drops of blood falling on the ground.

Mark 14:41-42 6) He returned a third time and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough. The hour has come. Behold, the Son of Man is to be handed over to sinners. Get up, let us go. See, my betrayer is at hand.”

Luke 22:47-48 7) While he was still speaking, a crowd approached and in front was one of the 12, a man named Judas. He went up to Jesus to kiss him. Jesus said to him, “Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?”

John 18:10-11 8) Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest’s slave, and cut off his right ear. ... Jesus said to Peter, “Put your sword into its scabbard. Shall I not drink the cup that the Father gave me?”

Matt. 26:53,55 9) “Do you think that I cannot call upon my Father and he will not provide me at this moment with more than 12 legions of angels?” ... Jesus said to the crowds, “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to seize me?”

26:55-57 10) “Day after day I sat teaching in the temple area, yet you did not arrest me. But all this has come to pass that the writings of the prophets may be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples left him and fled. Those who arrested Jesus led him away.

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## **II. THE SCOURGING AND ABUSE OF JESUS**

*Prophesied* Isaiah 53:5-7

He was pierced for our offenses, crushed for our sins; upon him was the chastisement that makes us whole, by his stripes we were healed. We had all gone astray like sheep; each following his own way; but the LORD has laid upon him the guilt of us all. Though he was harshly treated, he submitted and opened not his mouth, like a lamb led to the slaughter.

*Prefigured* Jeremiah 26:10-11; 37:15

When the princes of Judah were informed of these things, they came up from the king's palace to the house of the LORD and held court. ... The priests and prophets said to the princes and to all the people, "This man deserves death; he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears." ... The princes were enraged, and had Jeremiah beaten and thrown into prison.

John 18:19-22 1) [Annas] questioned Jesus about his disciples and doctrine. ... Jesus answered, ... "Why ask me? Ask those who heard me what I said to them." ... When he said this, one of the temple guards standing there struck Jesus.

Mark 14:61-64 2) He was silent and answered nothing. The high priest asked, ... "Are you the Messiah, the son of the Blessed One?" Then Jesus answered, "I am." ... At that the high priest tore his garments and said, ... "You have heard the blasphemy."

14:64-65 3) [Caiphas asked,] "What do you think?" They all condemned him as deserving to die. Some began to spit on him. They blindfolded him and struck him and said to him, "Prophecy!" And the guards greeted him with blows.

Mt. 27:2,12-14 4) They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate, the governor. ... When he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he made no answer. ... The governor was greatly amazed.

Jn. 18:33,36-37 5) Pilate went back into the praetorium and summoned Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ... Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world." ... Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?"

18:37-38 6) Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Pilate said to him, "What is truth?"

Luke 23:6-9,11 7) Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean; ... he sent him to Herod. ... [Jesus] gave him no answer. ... Herod and his soldiers treated him contemptuously and mocked him, and after clothing him in resplendent garb, sent him back to Pilate.

23:14-18 8) [Pilate] said to them, ... "Herod ... sent him back to us. So no capital crime has been committed by him. Therefore I shall have him flogged and then release him." But all together they shouted out, "Away with this man!"

23:21-22 9) They continued their shouting, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate addressed them, ... "I shall have him flogged and then release him."

Jn. 18:39-19:1 10) "Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" They cried out again, "Not this one but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a revolutionary. Then Pilate took Jesus and had him scourged.

# ***THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES***

## **III. THE CROWNING WITH THORNS AND MOCKING OF JESUS**

*Prophesied* 1 Samuel 8:6-8

Samuel was displeased when they asked for a king to judge them. He prayed to the LORD, however, who said in answer: ... “They are rejecting me as their king. As they have treated me constantly from the day I brought them up from Egypt to this day, deserting me and worshiping strange gods, so do they treat you.”

*Prefigured* Jeremiah 15:10-11,15-16

A man of strife and contention to all the land! I neither borrow nor lend, yet all curse me. Tell me, LORD, have I not served you for their good? Have I not interceded with you in the time of misfortune and anguish? ... You know I have. ... Know that for you I have borne insult. ... Because I bore your name, O LORD.

Matt. 27:27-28 1) The soldiers of the governor took Jesus inside the praetorium and gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped off his clothes and threw a scarlet military cloak about him.

27:29-30 2) Weaving a crown out of thorns, they placed it on his head, and a reed in his right hand. Kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” They spat upon him and took the reed and kept striking him on the head.

27:31 3) And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him off.

John 19:4-5 4) Once more Pilate went out and said to them, “Look, I am bringing him out to you, so that you may know that I find no guilt in him.” So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns.

19:5-6 5) [Pilate] said to them, “Behold, the man!” When the chief priest and the guards saw him they cried out, “Crucify him, crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and crucify him. I find no guilt in him.”

19:7,12 6) The Jews answered, ... “He ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God.” ... Pilate tried to release him; but the Jews cried out, “If you release him you are not a Friend of Caesar. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar.”

19:14-15 7) It was about noon. And he said to them, “Behold, your king!” They cried out, “Take him away, take him away! Crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your king?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar.”

Matt. 27:24-25 8) [Pilate] took water and washed his hands in the sight of the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man’s blood. Look to it yourselves.” And the whole people said in reply, “His blood be upon us and upon our children.”

Luke 23:24-25 9) The verdict of Pilate was that their demand should be granted. So he released the man who had been imprisoned for rebellion and murder, for whom they asked, and he handed Jesus over to them to deal with as they wished.

John 19:19-22 10) Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, “Jesus the Nazorean, the King of the Jews.” ... It was written in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek. ... Pilate said, “What I have written, I have written.”

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## **IV. THE CARRYING OF THE CROSS OF JESUS TO GOLGOTHA**

*Prophesied*     Isaiah 53:3-4,12

He was spurned and avoided by men, a man of suffering, accustomed to infirmity, one of those from whom men hide their faces, spurned, and we held him in no esteem. Yet it was our infirmities that he bore, our sufferings that he endured, while we thought of him as stricken. ... Counted among the wicked, he shall take away the sins of many, and win pardon.

*Prefigured*     Genesis 22:6-8,13

Abraham took the wood for the holocaust and laid it on his son Isaac's shoulders. ... Isaac spoke, ... "Where is the sheep for the holocaust?" Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the sheep for the holocaust." ... As Abraham looked about, he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket. So he went and took the ram and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son.

Mk. 15:15-6,20 1) So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, ... handed him over to be crucified. ... The soldiers led him away ... and led him out to crucify him.

John 19:16-17 2) So they took Jesus, and carrying the cross himself he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha.

Luke 23:26 3) As they led him away they took hold of a certain Simon; a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country; and after laying the cross on him, they made him carry it behind Jesus.

23:27 4) A large crowd of people followed Jesus, including many women who mourned and lamented him.

23:28 5) Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep instead for yourselves and for your children."

23:29 6) "For indeed, the days are coming when people will say, 'Blessed are the barren, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed.' "

23:30-31 7) "At that time people will say to the mountains, 'Fall upon us!' and to the hills, 'Cover us!' for if these things are done when the wood is green what will happen when it is dry?"

23:32-33 8) Now two others, both criminals, were led away with him to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified ... the criminals there, one on his right, the other on his left.

Matt. 27:33-34 9) When they came to ... Golgotha, ... they gave Jesus wine to drink mixed with gall. But when he had tasted it, he refused to drink.

John 19:23-24 10) They took his clothes and divided them into four shares, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic, but the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece. ... So they said, "Let's not tear it, but cast lots for it." ... That is what they did.

# ***THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES***

## **V. THE CRUCIFIXION AND DEATH OF JESUS**

*Prophesied* Psalm 22:1,8-9,16-19

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? ... All who see me mock me; ... “He relied on the LORD – let him rescue him.” ... My throat is dried up like baked clay; my tongue cleaves to my jaws; ... They have pierced my hands and my feet, I can count all my bones. ... They divide my garments among them, and for my vestment they cast lots.

*Prefigured* Numbers 21:7-9

The people said to Moses, “We have sinned in complaining against the LORD and you. ... The LORD said to Moses, “Make a saraph and mount it on a pole, and if anyone who has been bitten looks at it, he will recover.” So Moses made a bronze serpent and mounted it on a pole, and whenever anyone who had been bitten by a serpent looked at the bronze serpent, he recovered.

Mt.27:35-6,41-2 1) After they had crucified him, ... they sat down and kept watch over him. ... The chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him and said, ... “Let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him.”

Luke 23:34-36 2) Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.” ... The rulers, meanwhile, sneered at him and said, “He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Messiah of God.” Even the soldiers jeered at him.

23:39-43 3) One of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus. ... The other ... said in reply, “Have you no fear of God?” ... Then he said, “Jesus, remember me.” ... He replied to him, “Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

John 19:25-26 4) Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, her sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son.”

19:27 5) Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother.” And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.

Mark 15:33-34 6) At noon darkness came over the whole land until 3 in the afternoon. And at 3 o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, ... “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

John 19:28-30 7) Jesus said, “I thirst.” There was a vessel filled with common wine. They put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop and put it up to his mouth. When Jesus had taken the wine, he said, “It is finished.”

Luke 23:45-47 8) Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” When he had said this he breathed his last. The centurion ... said, “This man was innocent beyond doubt.”

Jn. 19:33-4,39 9) When they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, ... 1 soldier thrust his lance into his side, and immediately blood and water flowed out. ... Nicodemus ... came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes ... about 100 pounds.

Mt.27:58-60,66 10) [Joseph of Arimathea] went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ... Joseph wrapped it in clean linen and laid it in his new tomb. ... Then he rolled a huge stone across the entrance. ... They secured the tomb by ... setting the guard.

# ***THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES***

## **I. THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS FROM THE DEAD**

*Prophesied* Psalm 16:9-11

My heart is glad, my soul rejoices; my body also dwells secure, for you will not abandon me to Sheol, nor let your faithful servant see the pit. You will show me the path to life, abounding joy in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever.

*Prefigured* Jonah 2:1,3,7

The LORD sent a large fish, that swallowed Jonah; and he remained in the belly of the fish 3 days and 3 nights. ... Jonah said this prayer: ... 'From the midst of the nether world I cried for help, and you heard my voice. ... You brought up my life from the pit, O LORD, my God.'

- Matt. 28:2-4 1) An angel of the Lord descended from heaven, approached, rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing was white as snow. The guards, shaken with fear of him, became like dead men.
- 28:5-7 2) The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. ... Go tell his disciples ... he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him."
- John 20:2-3,10 3) Mary of Magdala ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple ... and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb." ... Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. ... Then the disciples returned home.
- 20:11,16-18 4) Mary stayed outside the tomb weeping. ... Jesus said to her, "Mary! ... Go tell my brothers, 'I am going to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary of Magdala ... announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord."
- Mark 16:10-12 5) His companions who were mourning and weeping, when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, ... did not believe. After this he appeared in another form to two of them walking along on their way to the country.
- Lk. 24:30-33 6) While he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. ... They recognized him, but he vanished. ... They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the 11.
- 24:36,40,46,48 7) He stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." ... He showed them his hands and his feet. ... "Thus it is written that the Messiah would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day. ... You are witnesses of these things."
- John 20:21-23 8) "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."
- 20:27-28 9) He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!"
- 20:29 10) Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

# ***THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES***

## **II. THE ASCENSION OF JESUS TO HEAVEN AFTER 40 DAYS**

*Prophesied* Daniel 7:13-14

I saw one like a son of man coming on the clouds of heaven; when he reached the Ancient One and was presented before him, he received dominion, glory, and kingship; nations and peoples of every language serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away.

*Prefigured* 2 Kings 2:9-12

Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask whatever I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha answered, "May I receive a double portion of your spirit." ... He replied, "If you see me taken up from you, your wish will be granted." ... A flaming chariot and flaming horses came between them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. When Elisha saw it happen he cried out.

Mark 16:15-18 1) [Jesus] rebuked them for their unbelief. ... "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved. ... Signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons. ... They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

Matt. 28:16-19 2) The 11 disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. ... Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations."

28:19-20 3) "Baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

Jn.21:1,6,11,13 4) Jesus revealed himself again to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. ... He said to them, "Cast the net." ... Simon Peter ... dragged the net ashore full. ... Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish.

21:15-17,19 5) When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, ... "Do you love me?" ... He said to him, "Yes Lord, you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs. ... Tend my sheep. ... Feed my sheep. ... Follow me."

Acts 1:3,5 6) He presented himself alive by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during 40 days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ... "John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

1:6-8 7) They asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom of Israel?" He answered them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons. ... But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you."

1:8-9 8) "You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.

1:10-12 9) Suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, ... "This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way." ... Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet.

Mark 16:19-20 10) The Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. ... The Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.

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## **III. THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ON THE DISCIPLES**

*Prophesied* Joel 3:1-2,5

I will pour out my spirit upon all mankind. Your sons and daughters shall prophesy, ... even upon the servants and the handmaids, in those days, I will pour out my spirit. ... Then everyone shall be rescued who calls on the name of the LORD; for on Mount Zion there shall be a remnant, as the LORD has said, and in Jerusalem survivors whom the LORD shall call.

*Prefigured* Numbers 11:25,29

The LORD then came down in the cloud and spoke to him. Taking some of the spirit that was on Moses, he bestowed it on the seventy elders; and as the spirit came to rest on them, they prophesied. ... Moses answered, ... "Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets. Would that the LORD might bestow his spirit on them all!"

Acts 1:13-14 1) When they entered Jerusalem they went to the upper room where they were staying. ... All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

2:1-2 2) When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were.

2:3-4 3) Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

2:14,22 4) Then Peter stood up with the 11, raised his voice, and proclaimed to them, ... "You who are Israelites, hear these words. Jesus the Nazorean was a man commended to you by God with mighty deeds, wonders, and signs."

2:23-24 5) "This man, delivered up by the set plan and foreknowledge of God, you killed, using lawless men to crucify him. But God raised him up, releasing him from the throes of death, because it was impossible for him to be held by it."

2:32-33 6) "God raised this Jesus; of this we are all witnesses. Exalted at the right hand of God, he received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father and poured it forth, as you both see and hear."

2:36-37 7) "Therefore let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart.

2:37-38 8) They asked Peter and the other apostles, "What are we to do, brothers?" Peter said, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

2:39-40 9) "For the promise is made to you and to your children and to all those far off, whomever the Lord our God will call." He testified with many other arguments.

2:40-41 10) [Peter] was exhorting them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about 3,000 persons were added that day.

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## **IV. THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY, BODY AND SOUL, INTO HEAVEN**

*Prophesied* Psalm 45: 7,9,14-15,17-18

Your throne, O God, stands forever; ... with myrrh, aloes, and cassia your robes are fragrant. ... All glorious is the king's daughter as she enters; ... she is led to the king. ... The throne of your fathers your sons will have; you shall make them princes through all the land. I will make your name renowned through all generations; thus nations shall praise you forever.

*Prefigured* Esther 5:1-2

Esther put on her royal garments and stood in the inner courtyard, looking toward the royal palace, while the king was seated on his royal throne in the audience chamber, facing the palace doorway. He saw Queen Esther standing in the courtyard, and made her welcome by extending toward her the golden staff which he held. She came up to him.

Acts 2:42-44 1) They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles, and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread, and to the prayers. ... Many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. All who believed were together.

4:19-20,23,31 2) Peter and John said, ... "It is impossible for us not to speak about what we have seen and heard." ... After their release they went back to their own people. ... All were filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God.

5:41-42 3) Rejoicing that they had been found worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name, all day long, both at temple and in their homes, [the apostles] did not stop teaching and proclaiming the Messiah, Jesus.

8:1 4) A severe persecution of the church broke out in Jerusalem, and all were scattered throughout the countryside of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.

8:14-15 5) When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, who went down and prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit.

Rev. 1:5,17-18 6) Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth ... said, ... "Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever. I hold the keys to death and the netherworld. Write ... what you have seen."

2:1,4-5,7 7) "To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: ... 'You have lost the love you had at first. Realize how far you have fallen. Repent, and do the works you did at first. Whoever has ears ought to hear what the Spirit says to the churches.' "

2:7,26,28 8) " 'To the victor I will give the right to eat from the tree of life that is in the garden of God. ... To the victor, who keeps to my ways until the end, I will give authority over the nations. ... I will give the morning star.' "

3:14,21 9) "The Amen, the Faithful and True witness, the source of God's creation, says: ... 'If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will enter his house and dine with him. ... I will give the victor the right to sit with me on my throne.' "

11:16-19 10) The 24 elders said: "The time has come for the dead to be judged, and to recompense your servants, the prophets, the holy ones." ... God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant could be seen in the temple.

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## **V. THE CORONATION OF MARY AS QUEEN OF HEAVEN AND EARTH**

*Prophesied* Genesis 3:14-15,20

Then the LORD God said to the serpent: "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers. He will strike at your head, while you strike at his heel." ... She became the mother of all the living.

*Prefigured* Judith 13:18; 15:9-10

"Blessed are you, daughter, by the most High God, above all the women on earth; and blessed be the LORD God, ... who guided your blow at the head of the chief of our enemies." ... All blessed Judith, saying: "You are the glory of Jerusalem, the surpassing joy of Israel; you are the splendid boast of our people. ... God is pleased with what you have wrought. May you be blessed forever.

Rev. 12:1,4 1) A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. ... The dragon stood before the woman about to give birth, to devour her child when she gave birth.

12:5-6 2) She gave birth to a son, a male child, destined to rule all the nations with an iron rod. Her child was caught up to God and his throne. The woman herself fled into the desert where she had a place prepared by God.

12:7,9 3) In heaven Michael and his angels battled against the dragon. ... The dragon, the ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, who deceived the whole world, was thrown down to the earth, and its angels were thrown down with it.

12:13-14 4) It pursued the woman, ... but the woman was given the two wings of the great eagle, so that she could fly to her place in the desert where, far from the serpent, she was taken care of.

12:15-16 5) The serpent spewed a torrent of water out of his mouth after the woman to sweep her away with the current. But the earth helped the woman and opened its mouth and swallowed the flood that the dragon spewed out of its mouth.

12:17 6) Then the dragon became angry with the woman and went off to wage war against the rest of her offspring, those who keep God's commandments and bear witness to Jesus.

19:11-16 7) "Faithful and True" ... judges and wages war in righteousness. ... His name was called the Word of God. The armies of heaven followed him. ... He will rule ... with an iron rod. ... He has a name, ... 'King of kings and Lord of lords'.

20:1-3 8) An angel came down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the abyss and a heavy chain. He seized the dragon ... and threw it into the abyss, which he locked over it and sealed, so that it could no longer lead the nations astray.

20:4,6 9) [John] saw thrones; those who sat on them were entrusted with judgment. ... The souls of those who ... witness to Jesus. ... came to life and reigned with Christ. ... Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection.

22:13,16,20 10) "I am the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. ... I, Jesus, sent my angel. ... I am the root and offspring of David, the bright morning star. ... Yes, I am coming soon." Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!