

A Prophetic Death Answer Key

Use this answer key to discuss the students' answers to the A Prophetic Death activity in their Student Guides.

Psalms 22:1—These words were spoken by Jesus on the Cross in Matthew 27:46. Jesus was acknowledging the punishment from His Father and calling those around Him to remember the truths about the Messiah in Psalm 22.

Psalms 22:6–8—Jesus was despised and rejected by many of the Jews, especially their leaders. Similar words were spoken by those Jews who were gathered to watch His death in Matthew 27:43.

Psalms 22:16—Nails were used in the Crucifixion to pierce the hands and feet of Jesus. Thomas acknowledged this in John 20:25 and any passage that talks about Jesus being crucified implies the nails in the hands and feet.

Psalms 22:18—The soldiers who crucified Jesus took His clothes and divided them among themselves, casting lots for the seamless tunic as described in Matthew 27:35.

Psalms 69:21—Matthew 27:34 and 48 describe the soldiers offering wine mixed with gall to Jesus before He was crucified and then giving Him vinegar wine when He was thirsty.

Zechariah 12:10—The Messiah would be pierced and mourned over in Jerusalem. John 19:34–37 describes the spear used to pierce His side, and John directly applies this passage from Zechariah to this piercing.

Isaiah 53:5—The Messiah would be wounded for the sins of His people and provide healing for them by those wounds. 1 Peter 2:24–25 makes this connection as well as passages describing our sins being paid for on the Cross.

Isaiah 53:11—The Messiah would willingly lay down His life to bear the sins of many and bring them justification before God. The Father would be satisfied with the work done by the Son. John 10:14–18 describes the willingness of Jesus to sacrifice Himself. Romans 5:15–19 describes the justification we have in Christ.

Keep in mind that these prophecies were the ones fulfilled on the Cross—there are many more that relate to the rest of Jesus's life. Also, there are many times in the Gospels where Jesus prophesied of His own death. For example, in John 3:14–15, Jesus told Nicodemus that He would be “lifted up” just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness. Throughout His life, Jesus repeatedly told the disciples He had come to die (John 8:28 and 12:32–34 are two examples).

The words about the Messiah in Isaiah were written down nearly 800 years before Jesus was on the Cross, and Psalm 22 was written by David over 1,000 years before the time of Christ. Looking back even further, God had promised way back in Genesis 3:15 that the Savior would be bruised. All of these words foretelling the future should be a great encouragement to you as you think about the truthfulness and inspiration of the Bible. It should also remind you that you serve a God who does not change and is sovereign over all of His creation. He brought His plan to fruition to redeem us while we were yet sinners.