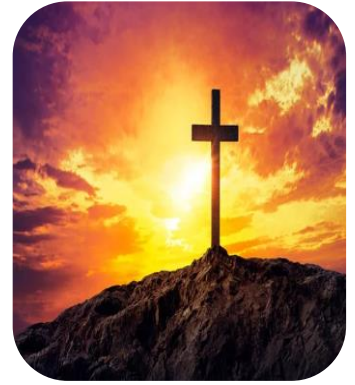




THE ROAD TO CALVARY



WEEK TWO: IT WAS THE FULFILMENT OF SCRIPTURE

Jesus understood his mission. He knew he had come to fulfil God's plan of redemption as laid out in scripture. We saw this in Study One when he spoke to his parents after they finally found him in the temple where his understanding of scripture had the teachers in the synagogue astonished. (*Luke 2:46-50*). His answer to his parents as to why he had stayed behind was: "Didn't you know that I must be about my Father's business". His parents didn't understand but he returned to Nazareth with them and "was obedient to them; and his mother stored all these things in her heart." (*verse 51*) He was setting the example for family life.

Read Isaiah 52:13-15, Isaiah 53

Let's look at some of the examples of those prophetic scriptures:

<i>Isaiah 52:14-15, 53:2</i>	These foretold his disfigurement by suffering.
<i>Mark 15:17, 19</i>	Events that happened whilst facing Pilate.
<i>Isaiah 52:15</i>	Messiah would make a blood atonement.
<i>1 Peter 1:2</i>	Confirming we are forgiven our sins by the blood of Jesus
<i>Isaiah 53:1, 3</i>	He would be widely rejected.
<i>John 12:37-38</i>	Confirmation of Isaiah's prophecy that most would not believe him.
<i>Isaiah 53:4-5</i>	Messiah would bear our sins and sorrows.
<i>Romans 4:25, 1 Peter 2:24-25</i>	Speaks of our righteousness through the death of Jesus and his healing power.
<i>Isaiah 53:6, 8</i>	Jesus would be our substitute.
<i>2 Corinthians 5:21</i>	There would be no more offerings for sin.

<i>Isaiah 53:7-8</i>	Messiah would voluntarily accept our guilt and punishment
<i>John 10:11, 19:30</i>	Jesus would lay down his life for his sheep.
<i>Isaiah 53:9</i>	He would be buried in a rich man's tomb.
<i>John 19:38-42</i>	Joseph of Arimathea asked for his body and put it in his own tomb.
<i>Isaiah 53:10-11</i>	Messiah would make it possible for all to be saved.
<i>John 3:16, Acts 16:31</i>	Confirmation that everyone could receive salvation.
<i>Isaiah 53:12</i>	Jesus would die for sinners.
<i>Mark 15:27-28, Luke 22:37</i>	Thieves were hung either side of him confirming the word of the prophets.

- Let's look at each of the New Testament scriptures which refer to those in the Old Testament.
- What do we learn about the prophecies?
- To what extent are they fulfilled?
- Were you previously aware of the extent of the correlation between the two parts of the Bible?
- Does this affect how we view scripture in general?
- Why do you think the spiritual leaders of that day could not see the connection between the unfolding events and the scriptures?
- Should we think more about what is happening in our world in the light of scripture?
- It is important that we take notice of scripture in relation to all aspects of our lives. What does Micah 6:8 say about how we should live?
- What does John 15:8 say and how might this be evidenced in our lives?

With the unfolding events in the Ukraine, does it make you want to know more of God? Do you find it hard to understand why these things happen? [Read Matthew 24:6-7.](#)

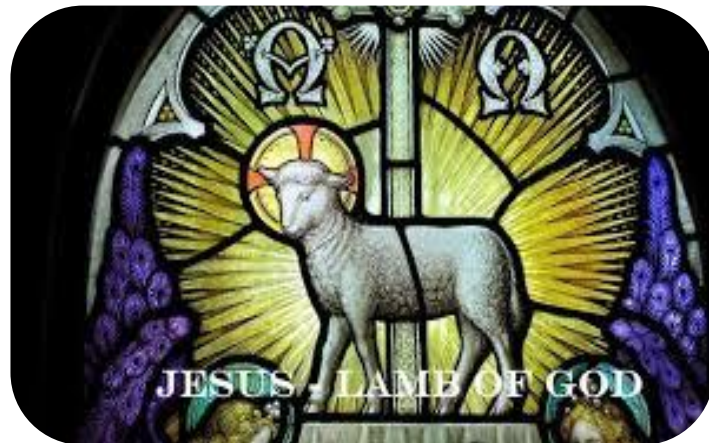
Given all we have so far learned of the truth of scripture,

- Are we able to trust God with our lives?
- What things most concern us?

- What does John 14:1 say?

Perhaps during this time of Lent, we should think about setting aside time to read and pray about these issues. Remember what [Luke 6:12](#) says: *It was at this time that He went off to the mountain to pray, and He spent the whole night in prayer to God.* And again, in [Mark 1:35](#) *In the early morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house, and went away to a secluded place, and was praying there.*

Read [John 17:11](#): Despite knowing what lay before him at this point, Jesus prayed for us.



Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world

Prayer

Father, we thank you that we can trust your word and your promises.

**Help us to do as St. Francis prayed: May I know you more clearly,
Love you more dearly, Follow you more nearly, Day by day.**

Amen