

Talking Stones

my impressions

Choose from the following phrases those which best describe your impression of each of the statements below.

- A. It's Interesting B. It strengthens my faith C. It gives me hope
D. It inspires me E. It makes me thankful
F. It's compelling G. It's hard to grasp
H. It fits like a puzzle piece I. Other _____

1. Jesus said that if the people were silent about His prophetic identity, "the stones would immediately cry out." How interesting that today stones (ancient stone monuments and tablets) are indeed crying out, confirming the truth of the Biblical narrative! (Zechariah 9:9; Daniel 9:25⁴; Luke 19:40²)
2. The Bible teaches that our search for truth has an even more solid foundation than archaeological evidences. It tells us to base our faith on the "more sure word of prophecy"! (2 Peter 1:19-21; John 14:29; 13:19; Isaiah 46:9, 10)
3. The Bible's longest time prophecy precisely predicted the year (A.D. 27) that the Messiah would appear and be anointed. Sure enough, Jesus appeared, was baptized, and was anointed by the Holy Spirit in that very year! (Daniel 9:24, 25⁴; Luke 3:1, 21, 22; Acts 10:37, 38)
4. One Messianic Prophecy in Psalm 22 has 8 verses that remarkably parallel the crucifixion. These, and many more fulfilled prophecies, were planned by God to leave for future generations the "fingerprints" of divine origin on the Scriptures. (Psalm 22;1, 6-8, 14, 16, 18^{9, 11, 13, 15, 17}; Amos 3:7)
5. The teachings of Jesus include a very real belief in the authenticity of the Bible, including the prophetic book of Daniel. Jesus said we should search out and pay attention to prophetic scripture because prophecy points us to the Life Giver and eternal life. (Mark 13:14; John 5:39⁵; Matthew 5:17⁶).
6. We have all we need to build a strong and rational faith in the inspiration of the scriptures. Jesus said, "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life." (John 6:63¹⁹; 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:19-21; 1 Peter 1:23-25)

Choices: Would you like to be part of our next study where we'll look at another wonderful teaching of Jesus? _____

Thunder IN THE HOLY LAND

LESSON 1

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Unless otherwise noted, all verses are from the King James Version

1. **Luke 19:38** Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest.
2. **Luke 19:40** I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the _____ would immediately cry out.
3. **Daniel 2:43** ... they shall _____ cleave one to another, even as iron is _____ mixed with clay.
4. **Daniel 9:25** _____ therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: ...
5. **John 5:39** Search the _____; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.
6. **Matthew 5:17** Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the _____: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill.
7. **Matthew 24:2** NIV "Do you see all these things?" he asked. "I tell you the truth, not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown _____."
8. **Matthew 27:35** And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the _____, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots.

Messianic Prophecies Surrounding the Cross

God the Father Hidden

9. Psalm 22:1 My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?
10. Matthew 27:46 My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

Despised & Mocked

11. Psalm 22:6-8 I am ... despised of the people. ... they ... laugh me to scorn: ... they shake the head, saying, He trusted on the LORD that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him.
12. Matthew 27:39, 43 And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads, [saying] He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God.

Clothes Gambled Over

13. Psalm 22:18 They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.
14. Matthew 27:35 And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots:

Hands & Feet Pierced

15. Psalm 22:16 ... they pierced my hands and my feet.
16. John 20:25 Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails...

Water Poured Out

17. Psalm 22:14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels.
18. John 19:34 But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.

19. **John 6:63** ... the _____ that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

God in His wisdom "concealed" (Daniel 12:9) many of the prophecies of the Bible. But it is our glory to study them, discovering these hidden truths for our time as the wise man said in Proverbs 25:2.

20. **Proverbs 25:2** NIV It is the glory of God to conceal a matter; to search out a matter is the glory of kings.