

LESSON 1

TALKING STONES

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

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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

Proverbs 25:2.

- 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

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.

Notes and Questions

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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, 189, 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? _____