

Acts 3:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But those things, which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled.

Analysis

Divine sovereignty shines through human sin: 'God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer.' What humans intended for evil, God ordained for redemption. The cross was both human crime and divine plan simultaneously.

Historical Context

The suffering Messiah theme runs through Isaiah 53, Psalm 22, Zechariah 12:10, and other prophetic texts. Peter argues that Scripture predicted what they accomplished.

Related Passages

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How do you reconcile human responsibility with divine sovereignty in the cross?

2. What comfort comes from knowing God's purposes cannot be thwarted by human rebellion?

Interlinear Text

ὁ	δὲ	θεὸς	ἃ	προκατήγγειλεν	διὰ	στόματος
G3588	But	God	those things which	before had shewed	by	the mouth
G1161	G2316	G3739	G4293	G1223	G4750	
πάντων	τῶν	προφητῶν	αὐτοῦ	παθεῖν	τὸν	Χριστὸν
of all	G3588	prophets	G846	should suffer	G3588	that Christ
G3956	G4396	G3958	G5547			
ἐπλήρωσεν	οὕτως					
fulfilled	so					
G4137	G3779					

Additional Cross-References

Acts 2:23 (References God): Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

Zechariah 12:10 (Parallel theme): And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.

Isaiah 50:6 (Parallel theme): I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting.

Revelation 19:10 (Prophecy): And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

Acts 28:23 (Prophecy): And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening.

Luke 24:44 (Prophecy): And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.

From KJV Study • kjevstudy.org