

# John 14:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe.

## Analysis

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**And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe** (καὶ νῦν εἶρηκα ὑμῖν πρὶν γενέσθαι, ἵνα ὅταν γένηται πιστεύσητε, kai nyn eirēka hymin prin genesthai, hina hotan genētai pisteusēte)—Jesus predicts His death, resurrection, and return to the Father before it happens, so that when fulfilled, it will strengthen faith. The purpose clause ἵνα...πιστεύσητε (hina...pisteusēte, 'in order that you might believe') indicates that prophecy's fulfillment validates Jesus's divine knowledge and mission.

This principle—prophecy preceding fulfillment to confirm faith—operates throughout Scripture. Jesus repeatedly predicted His passion (Matthew 16:21; 17:22-23; 20:18-19) so disciples wouldn't stumble when it occurred. Fulfilled prophecy removes the excuse of doubt—God provides evidence before events to demonstrate sovereign control over history.

## Historical Context

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When these predictions came true—crucifixion, resurrection, ascension—the disciples' faith solidified. Acts records their bold proclamation, rooted in fulfilled prophecy. Thomas's doubt (John 20:24-29) vanished when Jesus appeared; the disciples' fear transformed to courage when they witnessed what Jesus had foretold.

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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1. How does Jesus's predictive prophecy demonstrate His divine foreknowledge and strengthen faith when fulfilled?
2. What role should fulfilled biblical prophecy play in apologetics and personal assurance of faith?
3. How can Christians prepare others through teaching so unexpected trials don't destroy their faith?

## Interlinear Text

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καὶ	νῦν	εἶρηκα	ὑμῖν	πρὶν	γένηται	ἵνα	ὅταν
<b>And</b>	<b>now</b>	<b>I have told</b>	<b>you</b>	<b>before</b>	<b>it come to pass</b>	<b>that</b>	<b>when</b>
G2532	G3568	G2046	G5213	G4250	G1096	G2443	G3752
γένηται		πιστεύσητε					
<b>it come to pass</b>		<b>ye might believe</b>					
G1096		G4100					

## Additional Cross-References

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**John 13:19** (Faith): Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am he.