

A Good Friday Scripture Walk: Prophecy and Fulfillment

Station 1: The Garden *A Love That Did Not Turn Back*

The Prophecy—Psalm 41:9 *"Even my close friend, someone I trusted, one who shared my bread, has turned against me."*

The Fulfillment—Matthew 26:47–50 *"While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived. With him was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: 'The one I kiss is the man; arrest him.' Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, 'Greetings, Rabbi!' and kissed him. Jesus replied, 'Do what you came for, friend.'"*

Reflect Centuries before this night in the garden, God saw it coming—the shared meals, the trusted friend, the kiss that would become the signal for arrest. And still, Jesus came. Still, He called Judas *friend* even in the moment of betrayal. The cross did not begin on Calvary; it began in the willingness of Jesus to walk toward this night with His eyes wide open, knowing exactly who would be waiting in the shadows. What you see here is a love that considered the full cost and came anyway.

Pray *Lord Jesus, You were not surprised by the betrayal, and You are not surprised by mine. Every time I have chosen my own way over Yours, I have stood where Judas stood. And still You call me friend. Thank You for a love that knew the worst about me before You came, and You came for me anyway. Amen.*

Station 2: The Trial *The Silence That Saved*

The Prophecy—Isaiah 53:7 *"He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth."*

The Fulfillment—Mark 15:3–5 *"The chief priests accused him of many things. So again Pilate asked him, 'Aren't you going to answer? See how many things they are accusing you of.' But Jesus still made no reply, and Pilate was amazed."*

Reflect He who spoke the world into existence stood silent before a Roman governor and said nothing in His own defense. He could have called ten thousand angels. He could have silenced every voice in that hall with a word. Instead He stood—accused, mocked, and condemned—and held His peace. Isaiah saw this moment seven hundred years before it happened and described it with perfect precision: a lamb led to slaughter, making no sound. His silence was not weakness; it was a will fully surrendered to the purpose of the Father, bearing the weight of accusation so that every accusation ever spoken over me—by others, by the enemy, or by myself—would have nowhere left to stand.

Pray *Lord Jesus, You had every right to defend Yourself, and You chose silence instead—for me. Where I have been loudest in defending my own reputation, You were quiet. Where I have been most concerned with how I appear to others, You were stripped naked. Teach me the kind of surrender that trusts the Father in all things. Amen.*

Station 3: The Cross *By His Wounds We Are Healed*

The Prophecy—Isaiah 53:5–6 *“He was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed. All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God’s paths to follow our own. Yet the Lord laid on him the sins of us all.”*

The Fulfillment—Luke 23:33–34; John 19:30 *“When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there.... Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.’ ... When he had received the drink, Jesus said, ‘It is finished.’ With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.”*

Reflect Isaiah did not write these words at the foot of a cross—he wrote them in a time when crucifixion was not yet even a form of execution. And yet every word lands with the precision of an eyewitness account: pierced, crushed, the punishment that brought peace laid upon him, the wounds that healed. *It is finished* was the declaration of a mission fully accomplished. The Hebrew word Isaiah uses for *laid on him* means to cause something to fall, to strike, to collide—as if the full weight of every human sin was gathered up and allowed to fall on one person. That person chose to be there. He bowed His head. He gave up His spirit. Nobody took it from Him.

Pray *Lord Jesus, I cannot fully comprehend what You carried to the cross, but I know that my name was part of it. My turning away, my distrust, my sin—You bore it all without a word of complaint and with a prayer for forgiveness still on Your lips. ‘It is finished’ means my debt is paid, my record is clear, and nothing separates me from God any longer. Your love overwhelms me. Amen.*

