



were being fulfilled—the third day.

In addition, it is important to realize that “fulfillment” of Scripture doesn’t always mean a prediction accomplished. Some prophecies are a matter of Old Testament events paralleled in the life of Jesus (e.g. Ps. 2:7; 22:1; 69:9). In this sense the deliverance of Jonah is “fulfilled” in Jesus. Jesus declares this Himself, **“For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth”** (Matt. 12:40). Jesus was not ignorant of what Old Testament prophecy taught. He was explaining what Scripture taught, and what He said would be accomplished. In this demonstrated parallels between His own death and the deliverance of Jonah.



Since it was the third day, He naturally stressed that this was what He had said would happen. Verse 46 may reflect this same fact. As He explained Scriptures that concerned the suffering and resurrection of the Christ, it was the very day those things

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Obedience to the Father

By Kyle Pope

When Jesus prepared Himself on the night before His crucifixion in the garden of Gethsemane, three times He prayed to God that the “cup” of His suffering on the cross might pass from Him (Matt. 26:38-44). In each case, although He asked that He might be spared such agony, He qualified His request with the words, **“not as I will, but as You will”** (Matt. 26:39) and **“Your will be done”** (26:42). This was not unusual for Jesus. From childhood Jesus was taught, and had practiced obedience to his earthly parents (Luke 2:51). In maturity He demonstrated obedience to His heavenly Father.

This obedience is keenly seen in what took place in the garden. The Hebrew writer speaks of this time, referring to Jesus, **“in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death”** (Hebrews 5:7, NKJV). Commenting further on this the writer says, **“though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things**

which He suffered" (Heb. 5:8). Here is the Son of God, God (the Son) while in the flesh, showing obedience to God (the Father) in heaven!

This is an important lesson to us in two respects. First, in an age when children are allowed and even encouraged to disobey their parents, the example of Jesus shows us that those who would be like Him can't imagine that they are pleasing to God, if they choose to



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disobey their parents' instructions. It is not "cool" or "mature." It is defiance of the God-given authority that God has placed under our parents' keeping. Paul includes the sin of being "**disobedient to parents**" twice in descriptions of the sinful behavior of the world (Rom. 1:30; 2 Tim. 3:2). The only exception to this would be if our parents commanded us to disobey God (Acts 5:29).

Second, as Christians we are "**children of God**" (1 John 3:1)—God is "**our Father in heaven**" (Matt. 6:9). Like our earthly parents, Christians are to submit to and obey God as our heavenly Father. In the same text in Hebrews, after citing the example of Jesus' obedience to God, the writer adds, "**and having been perfected became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him**" (Heb. 5:9). It is not enough to just rely on our relationship to God as His children we must obey God as children must obey their parents. Later in the same book the writer compares the hardships that Christians face to a type of training and discipline from God (Heb. 12:4-11). This is likened to parental chastening of children. The writer sums up the point in saying, "**...we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live?**" (Heb. 12:9). The example of Jesus teaches us that we like Him, must submit to and obey our Father. It isn't always easy, but we, like Jesus must live "**as obedient children**" (1 Pet. 1:14).



Was Jesus Ignorant of Old Testament Prophecy?

By Kyle Pope

When I preached in Kansas, a member of the church there asked me about a radio program he had heard on which an atheist quoted Luke 24:46 to try and claim that Jesus was ignorant of Old Testament prophecy. The text reads, "**Then He said to them, 'Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day'**" (Luke 24:46, NKJV).* The atheist argued that the Old Testament never refers to resurrection on the third day.

The context of the passage explains why Jesus would emphasize His resurrection on the third day. First, when the women found the tomb empty one of the angels at the tomb quoted Jesus' prediction that He would rise on the third day (Luke 24:7). That same day, when Jesus appeared to the two on the road to Emmaus they referred to the fact that "**today is the third day since these things hap-**

* Some manuscripts don't contain the phrase "and thus it was necessary" as is reflected in some modern translations (see ASV, NASB, NIV).

pened" (Luke 24:21). Jesus then explained to them during this encounter that Moses and the Prophets had foretold that the Christ would suffer these things (Luke 24:25-27). The statement in question also occurs on the same day, when Jesus later would appear to the eleven (Luke 24:36). Verse 44 states, "**Then He said to them, 'These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Psalms concerning Me'**" (Luke 24:44). Again on this occasion He explains Scripture to them. Jesus is emphasizing two things throughout these encounters: 1) What He had said would happen, and 2) What the Old Testament had said about Him.