

“WORD OF LIFE”

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36. CHRIST IN HIS PERSON (16) – In the Fulfillment of the OT Prophecies

N 28. As a **Lamb** Brought to the **Slaughter** and as a **Sheep** Dumb before Its Shearers

N 29. The One **Executed** with Two Criminals

N 30. The One Who **Made Intercession** for the Transgressors

Hymns: The good Shepherd / #231 / #24

✚ “...the words which I have spoken to you are **spirit** and are **life**” (John 6:63)

BEING SLAUGHTER

[Prophecy]

Isa. 53:7 - He was oppressed, and it was He who was afflicted, Yet He **did not open His mouth**;
Like a **lamb** that is led to the **slaughter** And like a **sheep that is dumb** before its shearers,
So **He did not open His mouth**.

[Fulfillment]

Matt. 26:62 - And the high priest stood up and said to Him, Do **You answer nothing?**
What *is it that* these testify against You?

Matt. 26:63 - But Jesus remained **silent**...

EXECUTED and MADE INTERCESSOR

[Prophecy]

Isa. 53:9 - And they **assigned** His **grave** with the wicked,
Isa. 53:12 - Therefore I will divide to Him a portion with the Great, And He will **divide the spoil** with the Strong;
Because He poured out His life unto death And was **numbered with the transgressors**,
Yet He alone bore the sin of many And **interceded** for the transgressors.

[Fulfillment]

Luke 23:32 - And two others also, *who were* **criminals**, were led with Him to be executed.

Luke 23:33 - And when they came to the place called The Skull, there they crucified Him and the **criminals**, one on the right and one on the left.

Luk3 23:34 - And Jesus said, **Father, forgive them**, for they do not know what they are doing. And **dividing His garments**, they cast lots.

✚ “...to **reveal** His Son in me...” (Gal. 1:16a)

❖ The **Lord Jesus** as a **lamb** was brought to the **slaughter** and as a **sheep** dumb before its shearers

- The **Lord**, standing before the Sanhedrin **like** a sheep before its shearers, **would not say a word** to vindicate Himself, **fulfilling the prophecy** in Isaiah 53:7.
 - He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he **opened not** his mouth
 - He is brought as a lamb to the **slaughter**, and as a sheep before her shearers is **dumb**
 - He **answered nothing**, Jesus **remained silent**—Matt. 26:62-63

❖ The **Lord Jesus** is the One who was **executed** with two criminals

- **Isaiah 53:9a and 12c** tells us that
 - “he was **numbered with the transgressors**,”
 - “he made his grave with the wicked”
- As the **fulfillment** of the prophecy in Isaiah 53, **Luke 23:32** and **33** say,
 - “Two others also, *who were* **criminals**, were led with Him to be **executed**.”
 - And when they came to the place called Skull, there they **crucified** Him and the **criminals**...”
 - **Christ** was **executed** with two criminals, this was done under God’s sovereignty
 - that the **prophecy** of Isaiah concerning Christ’s execution might be fulfilled

❖ The **Lord Jesus** was the One who **made intercession** for the transgressors

- In **Isaiah 53:12** it is **propheesied** that Christ would make “**intercession** for the transgressors.”

- To **fulfill** this prophecy, Jesus said, in **Luke 23:34** -
 - “*Father, **forgive them**; for they do not know what they are doing.*”

✚ “...let all the peoples **speak praise to Him ...**” (Rom. 15:11)

- ✚ The Lord Jesus was oppressed, and He was afflicted, He was brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers **did not open His mouth**. The Lord, standing **did not say a word** to vindicate Himself.
- ✚ The Lord Jesus was **executed** with two criminals, He was **numbered with the transgressors**, and He was considered a criminal but while He was on the cross the Lord made **intercession** for the transgressors. He interceded for us that we would be forgiven by God.

*[(Reference: The Conclusion of the New Testament Ch. 36, letter N – point 28 to 30)
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The good Shepherd	Hymn 231	Hymn 24
<p>1 My Savior the good Shepherd is, He’ll never leave the flock. The One Who truly loves the sheep, Became the Lamb of God. Despised, afflicted in my stead, He spent His soul for me. And to the slaughter He was led, That I not thirsty be.</p> <p>2 My Shepherd is the Lamb of God, He calls to me each day, To drink the waters flowing free, From His pierced side of grace. Yet when I stray or choose my way, He still would search for me, And bring me home on shoulders strong. Do I not His love see?</p> <p>3 My Shepherd’s face is how I live, I love to look at Him. Though He might lead through shearing trial, But still I follow Him. Just as the Father’s presence cheered Him through each suffering day, 'Tis once I saw His tender care That here I want to stay.</p> <p>4 Oh, Father thank You for Your Son, He shares Your heart for us. That gladly He would bear us to The bosom of Your love. No greater Shepherd could there be, That He would not lose one! And lead us all to dwell with You. Sweet Pasture, Living Stream.</p>	<p>1 Amidst us our Beloved stands, And bids us view His pierced hands; Points to the wounded feet and side, Blest emblems of the Crucified.</p> <p>2 What food luxurious loads the board When, at His table, sits the Lord! The wine how rich, the bread how sweet, When Jesus deigns the guests to meet!</p> <p>3 If now, with eyes defiled and dim, We see the signs, but see not Him; Oh, may His love the scales displace, And bid us see Him face to face!</p> <p>4 Thou glorious Bridegroom of our hearts, Thy present smile Thy grace imparts! Oh, lift the veil, if veil there be, Let every saint Thy glory see!</p>	<p>1 O God, in Christ all focused is Thy wisdom with Thy grace; As wisdom Thou mad’st Him to us, In Him Thy way we trace.</p> <p>2 What Thou has planned is all in Him, Thy way of grace is He; In Him, Thy Wisdom, we have all, That glory be to Thee.</p> <p>3 In Him, who is our righteousness, Have we been justified; In Him, who is our holiness, We’re being sanctified.</p> <p>4 Redemption too He is to us, According to Thy plan, That we may fully be redeemed To be a perfect man.</p> <p>5 He is Thy wisdom, Father God, In Thine economy; For Him we offer praise to Thee With all humility.</p> <p>6 Thy wisdom we have seen in Him, So rich and so profound; Yet richer, deeper, in Thy way, By us will it be found.</p>