



FACT SHEET **SPEAR**

John 19:33-34

Read It:

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Talk It:

Have you ever guessed something that later came true?

Know it:

Do you know what a prophecy is? A prophecy is something that is written about before it happens. It is more than a prediction; it is a statement of what WILL happen, not what someone thinks will happen. A weatherman predicts the weather, but God knows what the weather will be. Understand the difference? The Bible is filled with prophecies, especially the Old Testament, and many of them were about the birth and death of Jesus. All of them came true. This was to help people believe that Jesus was who He said He was.



There were hundreds of prophecies that predicted details about the birth of Jesus. There were also many about the death of Jesus that also came true. One of them is found in Psalm 34:20. It says that God would protect his bones and that not one of them would be broken. What does this mean? When someone was dying on a cross, they would have trouble breathing and would push up with their legs to get air. When the soldiers wanted them to finally die, they would break the person's legs so they could no longer push up to breathe. This would make sure they died. That is why John 19:33 says that when they saw that He was already dead, they didn't break His legs. They pierced Him with a sword instead to make sure He was dead.

The soldiers had no idea that they were actually causing an Old Testament prophecy to be fulfilled! God knew what would happen hundreds of years ahead of time. Even during this dark hour, things were happening exactly as God had planned long ago. They were happening for a reason. Jesus' enemies thought they were getting rid of Jesus, but instead, God was fulfilling a plan that was hundreds of years in the making!

Go Do It:

If God knew what was going to happen hundreds of years in the future, do you think He knows what is going to happen tomorrow or next week or next year? Of course! So why do we worry so much? We worry when we forget to trust God. God has a plan for our life, and it is a good plan! (Jeremiah 29:11) When things look the worst, we need to remember that God knows about even the bad things that are going to happen, but He isn't worried. He is working a great plan for good! (Romans 8:28)