

eXplain it
(Pre-Lent 3)

1 Samuel 16:1-13 (David Anointed King)
Isaiah 35:3-7 (Eyes of the Blind Will Be Opened)
Psalm 89:18-29 (Our Shield Belongs to God)
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Luke 18:31-33: 31 Jesus took the Twelve aside and told them, "We are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled. 32 He will be handed over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, insult him, spit on him, flog him and kill him. 33 On the third day he will rise again." (NIV)

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**Jesus foretells His Passion
that had been foretold in the Scriptures**

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**The Gospel of Matthew
“fulfilled” or “filled to the full”**

Matthew 16 (Peter’s Confession and Rebuke)
Matthew 17 (Transfiguration)
Matthew 17:23 (Demon Possessed Boy)
Matthew 20 (A Mother’s Request)
Matthew 26 (Two Days Before the Passover)

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**Is the Message of Jesus ...
uncertain? unclear? a secret?**

all of the Law, the Prophets and the Psalms
all of the teaching of Jesus
all of the proclamation of the apostles
it should be in ... all of the pulpits/classrooms

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Jesus is clear, but not understood.

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Matthew 26:52"Put your sword back in its place," Jesus said to him, "for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. 53Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels?

54But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?" (NIV)

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"it is necessary"

"it must happen this way"

"this is the way"

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Psalm 40:6-8: Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but my ears you have pierced; burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not require.

7 Then I said, "Here I am, I have come- it is written about me in the scroll. 8 I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart." (NIV)

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spiritually blind and deaf

did not understand
did not do, obey, act

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Isaiah 35:3-7: Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; 4 say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you."

5Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped.

6Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. (NIV)

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Luke 18:35 As Jesus approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. 36 When he heard the crowd going by, he asked what was happening. 37 They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." (NIV)

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38 He called out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" 39 Those who led the way rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

40 Jesus stopped and ordered the man to be brought to him. (NIV)

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**Because Jesus is willing to do His Father's will
He is also willing to do His Father's work**

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When he came near, Jesus asked him, 41 "What do you want me to do for you?"

"Lord, I want to see," he replied.

42 Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has healed you."

43 Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, praising God. When all the people saw it, they also praised God. (NIV)

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Luke 24:44-ff: 44 He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

45 Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. (NIV)

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**Luke 24:44-ff: 46 He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things.
(NIV)**

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Pentecost

Acts 2:22: "Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. (NIV)

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Acts 2:23-24: This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross.

**24 But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.
(NIV)**

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