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THE WONDER AND SPLENDOR OF SCRIPTURE

During the Roman era to have a Jew publicly suffering and dying on a cross on the Sabbath Day was considered a pollution of the day by the Jews. If they did not die before the Sabbath Day it was the custom of the age to have their legs broken to bring about a quick death so they could be taken off the stake before the following Sabbath Day began.

- **John 19:30-36:** When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. ³¹Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. ³²So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. ³³But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. ³⁵He who saw it has borne witness— his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth— that you also may believe. ³⁶For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: "not one of his bones will be broken."

How amazing are these verses, the writer of these Scriptures clearly understood that Jesus was God's foreordained Passover Lamb without blemish. Christ was foreshadowed for thousands of years throughout Old Testament Jewish history by all faithful Jews each time they ate the sacrificial lamb without blemish at the appointed time of the Passover Feast.

The words, "Not one of his bones will be broken" is cited from the following verses in the book of Exodus and Numbers:

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- It (the Passover Lamb) shall be eaten in one house; you shall not take any of the flesh outside the house, and you shall not break any of its bones (Exod. 12:46).
- They shall leave none of it (the Passover Lamb) until the morning, nor break any of its bones; according to all the statute for the Passover they shall keep it (Num. 9:12).
- Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed (1 Cor. 5:7).

HOW WONDERFUL ARE THE ECHOES OF BIBLE SCRIPTURE?

Thousands of years ago God stated that not one of the bones of the sacrificial Passover lamb without blemish was to be broken and now thousands of years later we see the ultimate sacrificial Lamb without Blemish being sacrificed and giving up his life before the Roman guards broke any of his bones

Perhaps there is also a faint echo of Christ in the following prayer of David regarding the righteous person having no bones broken.

- **Psalms 34:17-20:** When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. ¹⁸The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. ¹⁹Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all. ²⁰He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken.

The Old Testament Passover Lamb had to be without blemish, and not one of its bones was to be broken. It was a symbolic picture of the Lord Jesus Christ the eternal Passover Lamb to come.

The following verse shows that the Lord Jesus Christ is the ultimate Passover Lamb without Blemish:

- **1 Corinthians 5:7:** Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed.

It is interesting to notice that at the Lord's Passover meal with his disciples there is no mention of a roast lamb, they probably had a proper meal, because supper in those days, commonly meant a feast or main meal, the term break bread was colloquial language for that day that simply meant, let's have a meal together. It is unlikely the disciples went to all the trouble of preparing a room just to have one bite of a piece of bread and one sip of wine, especially since it was evening, the end of the day and meal time. Not only this, they were under the Law, and the Old Covenant. The Covenant the Jews had with God was to eat a roasted lamb without blemish on Passover Day in remembrance of their deliverance from the slavery and bondage of Egypt. Taking both these facts into account, it is hardly likely that they did not have a proper Passover meal to celebrate Israel's miraculous deliverance from 430 years bondage in Egypt.

HERE IS THE WONDER AND BEAUTY IN THIS AND THE GLORY WISDOM AND SPLENDOR OF THE BIBLE

The Passover Lamb is not mentioned, simply because Jesus Himself is at the table, he is the Passover Lamb himself, how beautiful when we see God's thumbprint on His word, things that probably took place are deliberately left out because God is revealing a higher and more wonderful purpose in the meal that He purposed in His eternal mind before time began. God has had His people partaking of this meal for over 4000 years, but now to this small bunch of faithful followers He is revealing the final and eternal sacrificial Lamb without blemish to them, he is sitting at the table with them how stunning is that?

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THE BIBLE CANNOT BE ACCURATE

An inquiring but beautiful friend once said to me, the Bible cannot be accurate because our feet and hands are full of bones, and driving a nail through them would have broken at least one bone in Christ body. The following story will hopefully answer my friend's doubtful mind. In what seems like a twilight zone today, many years ago in the days when I was at school I was with a friend, we had finished playing cricket during the school break and were walking back to class. On the way back we were throwing a full-size cricket wicket at the bees on the ground, one of the wickets accidentally hit my foot and went completely through it. A professional cricket wicket has a steel pointed end which is far bigger than any nail, but the amazing thing was, though it hurt like crazy it did not break any of the bones in my foot.

I found out later from the doctor that because the cricket wicket was pointed and steel is harder than bones it tends to push the bones to one side. Having experienced this myself, it is easy for me to understand how nails which are a lot thinner than a cricket wicket could be hammered through human hands and feet without breaking a bone since because of the nails point they would simply push the bone to one side. For me it was a very painful accident, not a choice, but for Jesus it was a willing choice, even though he was fully aware of the pain he was about to suffer. Once again, these verses show how amazing the word of God is, and how much the Lord Jesus Christ loves us.

IT IS ALSO BEAUTIFUL TO NOTE

The Scripture says:

- Christ's side was pierced and immediately blood flowed out (John 19:34).

God created a bride (Eve) for Adam out of his side, now we see God creating a bride for His Son through the shed blood flowing out of Jesus side. How magnificent and thrilling to those who have Christ dwelling in their heart through faith and love when they see the beauty and wonder of God's thumbprint interwoven through His word, and waiting to be discovered.

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