



BIG QUESTION

Was Jesus predicted before he was born?

Isaiah preached in the 700s BC. His poem's servant is “despised and rejected,” silent before his accusers, “numbered with the transgressors,” buried “with the rich,” and alive again after he suffers. About a thousand years before Jesus, David wrote Psalm 22, where mockers say, “let the Lord rescue him,” and men “cast lots for my garment.” Jesus was crucified around AD 30.

Didn't Christians write it in later? In 1947, a shepherd found jars of scrolls in a cave by the Dead Sea. One is a complete copy of Isaiah, made around 125 BC. And for centuries the poem was copied by Jewish scribes, most of whom never accepted the Christian reading.

**Time line**

Number these from 1 to 5, from earliest to latest. The story has the dates.

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A shepherd finds the jars by the Dead Sea.

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Isaiah writes his poem about the servant.

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Jesus is crucified.

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David writes Psalm 22.

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A scribe copies the Great Isaiah Scroll.

Memory verse

**“For no matter how many promises God has made,
they are “Yes” in Christ.”**

2 Corinthians 1:20

I can say it! ☆ ☆ ☆ Color a star each time you say it.

Talk about it

1. Which line of Isaiah's poem fits Jesus best?
2. Some say the servant is Israel. What in the poem points to someone else?
3. Read Isaiah 53 this week. Who do you think it's about?



Watch the video