

Fact Sheet for **“It Would Have Been Impossible”**
Isaiah 41:21-24

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Jesus Himself has given us a charge (Matthew 28:18-20). This charge is to make disciples by (1) sharing the Gospel and by (2) teaching Christians to apply God's Word. This is both a group and an individual charge. How are we doing at the task? How are you doing?

Today we begin a celebration of what has been, and what forever will be, the most important week in human history... the week between Palm Sunday and Resurrection Sunday.

Consider these things...

1. Out of the seven Jewish feasts given by God to Moses on Mt. Sinai in Leviticus 23... feasts that are both celebratory and prophetic... three of those feasts converge on this week.

Passover (Last Supper and the setting for our Communion service)

Messianic Passover

Unleavened Bread (Christ lay unraised during this feast)

First Fruits (Resurrection Sunday, the timing of this feast was established in the days of Joshua {compare Leviticus 23:9-14 and Joshua 5:10-12})

2. Prophecy points to this week, for instance...

Daniel's Seventy Weeks (Daniel 9:24-27)

The Coming Prince, Sir Robert Anderson

Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:25-26; Psalm 118:22-23; Zechariah 13:7; Psalm 22:18; and all of Isaiah 53

3. Jesus Himself points to this week.

At the First Temple Cleansing (John 2:19)

1st announcement on His last journey to Jerusalem (Matthew 16:21-23; Mark 8:31-33; Luke 9:22)

Consider the Transfiguration (Luke 9:30-31... Parallels Matthew 17:1-9; Mark 9:2-10; Luke 9:28-36)

2nd announcement on His last journey to Jerusalem (Matthew 17:22-23; Mark 9:30-32; Luke 9:43b-45)

3rd announcement on His last journey to Jerusalem (Matthew 20:17-19; Mark 10:32-34; Luke 18:31-34)

4. Multiple NT authors point to the significance of Jesus' resurrection. Let me remind you of just one (1 Corinthians 15:12-20)..

Now, let's consider a few words from Isaiah 41.

God speaks about the idols the Jewish people so often looked to.

²¹ **Set forth your case, says the LORD;
bring your proofs, says the King of Jacob.**

²² **Let them bring them, and tell us
what is to happen.**

**Tell us the former things, what they are,
that we may consider them,
that we may know their outcome;
or declare to us the things to come.**

²³ **Tell us what is to come hereafter,
that we may know that you are gods;
do good, or do harm,
that we may be dismayed and terrified.**

Only God can accurately interpret history, predict the future, and show their link in one divinely controlled plan!

²⁴ **Behold, you are nothing,
and your work is less than nothing;
an abomination is he who chooses you.**

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The scriptural record about Passion Week would have been absolutely impossible write if the God of the Bible was not the true God!

Now, here's a question. How do we use this to fulfill the Great Commission?

1. We can have absolute confidence in the Gospel
2. This will result in an urgency to share the Gospel
3. Since we know the Bible **IS** God's Word we must have a commitment to apply God's true Word ourselves
4. This will result in a vision to help others know and apply God's Word