

# Shalom AZ Ministries

In Pursuit of Israel's Redemption



## “Just as He Said”

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### Devotion and Discussion Questions

**Key Texts (TLV):** Isaiah 52:13–53:12; 49:14-16; John 13:1; Mark 9:30–32; 10:32–34; Matt. 12:40; 16:21–23; 26:30-32; 27:57-61; 28:1-10; Luke 18:31–33; Ps. 22; Cor. 15:3–8;

In the midst of our Passover season, we are brought face-to-face with the very center of our Messianic faith—the death and resurrection of Yeshua the Messiah. On that night of the Seder, Yeshua sat with His disciples, fully aware that His hour had come. *“Having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them until the end”* (John 13:1). What was about to unfold was not unexpected to Him—but it was completely misunderstood by those closest to Him.

The disciples had walked with Him, listened to Him, and even confessed Him as Messiah. Yet their expectations shaped their understanding. They were looking for a conquering King, not a suffering Servant. The truth had been spoken plainly, even repeatedly—but it didn't fit their paradigm. What God was doing was hidden in plain sight. The same can be true for us when our expectations cloud our ability to hear what God has clearly said. Ask the Lord to reveal where your expectations may be preventing you from seeing what He has already spoken.

#### 1. THE SCRIPTURES HAD FORETOLD IT

Yeshua's death and resurrection were not a sudden turn of events—they were the fulfillment of what had already been spoken. Again and again, Yeshua told His disciples what would happen. *“The Son of Man is going to be delivered... they will kill Him... and after He is killed, three days later He will rise up”* (Mark 9:31). Yet the disciples didn't understand. Not because it wasn't clear—but because it didn't align with what they thought Messiah should be.

The Tanakh had already laid it out in detail. Isaiah 53 describes the suffering, death, and vindication of the Servant with stunning clarity: *“He was wounded because of our sins... He bore the chastisement that made us whole”* (Is. 53:5). The same passage speaks of death and yet continued life—pointing unmistakably to resurrection. God had spoken. Yeshua had spoken. But when we filter truth through our expectations instead of receiving it with trust, we can miss what God is doing right in front of us. Today, commit to trusting what God has said, even when it challenges your assumptions or expectations.

#### 2. JUST AS HE SAID: HE DIED AND WAS BURIED

The death of Yeshua was not symbolic—it was brutal, physical, and intentional. He was scourged, mocked, beaten, and crucified. The suffering described in Psalm 22 unfolded before the eyes of witnesses: *“They divide my clothes among them, and cast lots for my garment”* (Ps. 22:19). Every detail pointed to the reality that this was not random—it was fulfillment. Yet in that moment of unimaginable suffering, something even greater happened. When Yeshua breathed His last, *the curtain of the Temple was split in two, from top to bottom* (Mark 15:38). That massive barrier between a holy God and sinful humanity was torn apart. Access was no longer restricted. The separation caused by sin was dealt with. At that very moment, relationship was restored. This was the purpose all along—to bring us back to God.

The cost reveals both the seriousness of sin and the depth of God's love. *“We all went astray like sheep... and the LORD visited upon Him the guilt of all of us”* (Is. 53:6). Yeshua took the death we deserved so we could receive the life we never could have earned.

### **3. HE ROSE—JUST AS HE SAID**

Though the disciples were scattered, discouraged, and afraid, something changed everything. The tomb was found empty. *“He is not here; for He is risen, just as He said”* (Matt. 28:6). What they had failed to understand before, they now encountered in reality—the risen Messiah. The resurrection is not a minor detail—it is the foundation of our faith. As Paul wrote, *“If Messiah has not been raised, your faith is futile—you are still in your sins”* (1 Cor. 15:17). But He was raised. He appeared to many—over 500 witnesses. The very disciples who once hid in fear were transformed into bold proclaimers, willing to suffer and die for what they knew to be true. People may die for what they believe—but they do not die for what they know is a lie. The resurrection confirms that Yeshua’s sacrifice was accepted and effective. Death did not have the final word. Sin did not have the final word. Life did.

### **CONCLUSION**

Yeshua was born with a purpose—to lay down His life and to rise again. His death was not an accident; it was the plan. His resurrection was not symbolic; it was victory. Through Him, what was broken has been restored. What was separated has been reconciled. We who were far off have been brought near.

Even when it feels like we’ve been forgotten, God speaks a better word: *“Can a woman forget her nursing baby...? Even if these forget, I will not forget you. Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of My hands”* (Is. 49:15–16). You are not forgotten. You are not abandoned. The cross and the empty tomb declare that loudly and clearly. If you have never fully trusted in Yeshua, or if you’ve been distant, today is the day to respond. Come back. Draw near. Receive the life He died and rose to give.

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. Where do you see expectations shaping how you understand God’s work in your life?
2. Why do you think the disciples struggled to accept Yeshua’s words about His death and resurrection?
3. What does the tearing of the Temple curtain mean personally for your relationship with God?
4. How does the reality of the resurrection strengthen your faith today?
5. In what practical ways can you live differently because Yeshua is alive?

### **CLOSING PRAYER:**

*Avinu Malkhenu*, Our Father, Our King, We come before You with gratitude for what You have done through Yeshua. Thank You that You spoke Your plan long before it unfolded, and that You fulfilled every word. Thank You for the sacrifice that made a way for us to be restored to You. Help us to trust what You have said, even when we don’t fully understand. Shape our hearts to respond with faith, surrender, and obedience. And because Yeshua is alive, teach us to live as people of resurrection hope—bold, confident, and anchored in Your love.

*B’Shem Yeshua*, In the name of Yeshua, amen.