

## **BODY SONG: JESUS WAS BORN TO DIE**

**Psalm 40.6-8; Hebrews 10.5-7**

*How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory? And beginning with **Moses** and all the **Prophets**, he explained to them what was said **in all the Scriptures** concerning himself. Luke 24.25-27*

*Were not our **hearts burning** within us while he talked with us on the road and **opened the Scriptures** to us? Luke 24.32*

*This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that was written about me in the **Law of Moses**, the **Prophets** and the **Psalms**. Luke 24.44*

Jesus opened things both ways. He opened the Scriptures to his disciples, and he opened their hearts to the Scriptures. I wonder where he began? I wonder what texts he used?

### **Once in a Garden – Genesis 3.15; Revelation 22.3**

When the Savior turned to the Law of Moses, did he go all the way back to the text we now call the "first gospel"? Perhaps he did. Perhaps he pointed to the cryptic words of Genesis 3.15 and found in them mention of himself, his struggle against and final victory over the evil one.

### **Once on a Hilltop – Genesis 22.5; Hebrews 11.17-19**

Perhaps the Savior pointed out the remarkable story of the near sacrifice of Isaac, where father Abraham met his ultimate test of faithfulness to Yahweh.

### **Once in the Darkness – Isaiah 9.1-3, 6**

As we move from the Law of Moses to the Prophets, we wonder again what texts he might have selected, what he might have said. Perhaps Jesus directed his disciples to the prophetic words concerning the promises of the birth of the Savior. One of those passages is the celebrated text of Isaiah 9.

### **Once in a Manger – Micah 5.1-5a**

I wonder what other texts in the Prophets Jesus might have opened to them that night. Surely he must have directed his disciples to think of the words of Micah which also spoke of the promise of his birth.

### **Once in Heaven – Psalm 40.6-8; Deuteronomy 10.12-13; Micah 6.6, 8; Hebrews 10.5-7**

And the psalms. What psalm might he have opened? What psalm might have tied together all these texts from the Law of Moses and the Prophets? Let us see the words that are the song of Jesus in heaven just before he became wrapped in the small dimensions of humanity.

*Sacrifice and offering you did not desire,  
but my ears you have pierced;  
burnt offerings and sin offerings  
you did not require.  
Then I said, 'Here I am, I have come--  
it is written about me in the scroll.  
I desire to do your will, O my God;  
your law is within my heart.' Psalm 40.6-8*

*Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said:*

*'Sacrifice and offering you did not desire,  
but a body you prepared for me;  
with burnt offerings and sin offerings  
you were not pleased.'  
Then I said, 'Here I am – it is written about me in the scroll –  
I have come to do your will, O God.' Hebrews 10.5-7*