

None of Christ's bones will be broken like the Passover Lamb

Prophecy Fulfilled: John 19:31-36

³¹ Since 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. ³² So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. ³³ But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴ But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. ³⁵ He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. ³⁶ For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.”

Prophecy #1: Exodus 12:46

⁴⁶ It 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.

Prophecy #2: Numbers 9:12

¹² They shall leave none of it until the morning, nor break any of its bones; according to all the statute for the Passover they shall keep it.

Prophecy #3: Psalm 34:20

²⁰ He keeps all his bones;
not one of them is broken.

Proposal:

John describes the crucifixion and quotes the Old Testament that “Not one of his bones will be broken” (John 19:35). John does not specify what Old Testament passage he is referring to, but my cross-references to three passages, Exodus 12:46, Number 9:12, and Psalm 34:20. I want to explore these three passages and see if in the Old Testament context also has a clear Messianic understanding.