

It is a Biblical fact that the Triune God had knowledge of the execution of the Lord Jesus Christ by sinful men for the sins of the world even before He created the universe and all that is in it.

**Acts 15:17,18**

That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things. Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.

**Revelation 13:8**

And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

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It is also a matter of fact that because God knew of man's sin even before He created man, God the Father predetermined the satisfying payment for man's sin through the execution of His Son.

**Isaiah 53:4**

Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

**Acts 4:27-28**

For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus,...both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, for to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done.

It should not surprise us that rather than being taken by surprise and against His will, Jesus Christ, being obedient unto death, submitted to the Father's plan, and willingly allowed His execution at the hands of wicked men.

**John 10:17-18**

Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.

**Hebrews 10:9-10**

Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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Though the execution of Christ was predetermined by the Father and submitted to by the Son, the actual events began to unfold as Satan himself began to fulfill God's first prophetic statement from Genesis 3:15.

**Luke 22:3,4**

Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot. And he ... communed with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray him unto them.

**John 13:27; 18:3-5**

And Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly. ... Judas then, having received a band of men and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, cometh thither with lanterns and torches and weapons.

Satan used the unsaved religious leaders to conspire first with Judas and then with Pilate to bring about the charges that would eventually lead to the execution that was planned by God.

**Matthew 26:47,57**

Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people. And they that had laid hold on Jesus led him away to Caiaphas the high priest.

**Mark 15:1**

And in the morning the chief priests ... with the elders and scribes and the whole council, and bound Jesus, and carried him away, and delivered him to Pilate.

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After the cowardly rulers Pilate and Herod shirked their duties, the people pronounced final sentence upon the Lord Jesus, Who said nothing as the civil servants viciously tortured the spotless Lamb.

**Mark 15:15**

And so Pilate, willing to content the people, released Barabbas unto them, and delivered Jesus, when he had scourged him, to be crucified.

**Matt 27:27,31**

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus, and gathered unto him the whole band of soldiers. And after that they had mocked Him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify him.