

Luke ii. 4, 6. The prophet predicted to Jerusalem the approach of her lowly King riding upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass, and the Evangelist records its exact fulfilment, when Jesus so entered the city amid the hosannas of the multitude. Zech. ix. 9. Matt. xxi. 1. Prophecy declared, "When we shall see him there is no beauty that we should desire him;" and we know that "he came unto his own, and his own received him not." Isa. liii. 2. John i. 11. It was said by the prophet, "We hid, as it were, our faces from him;" and the Evangelist informs us, "All his disciples forsook him and fled." Isa. liii. 3. Matt. xxvi. 56. The Saviour, in prophecy, complained of being laughed to scorn; and his Evangelists narrate the contempt with which he was treated: "Herod with his men of war set him at nought," and the Roman soldiers having arrayed him in the emblems of mock royalty, bowed the knee before him in derision. Psal. xxii. 6. Matt. xxvii. 29. Luke xxiii. 11. If he said, "I hid not my face from shame and spitting," the pen of inspiration records that he was thus ignominiously treated. Isa. l. 6. Matt. xxvi. 67. Prophecy had foretold, "They shall smite the Judge of Israel with a rod upon the cheek;" and its fulfilment was witnessed, when "they spit upon him, and took the reed and smote him on the head." Micah v. 1. Matt. xxviii. 30. The prophecy is, "He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth;" the fulfilment is, "When he was accused of the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing." Isa. liii. 7. Matt. xxvii. 12. The prophet predicted he should be "despised and rejected of men;" and when, by their law, a prisoner must be released, the Jews clamorously preferred Barabbas, a robber and murderer, to the holy Son of God. Isa. liii. 3. Mark xv. 15. Did prophecy portray him as "a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief?" He not merely "endured the contradiction of sinners," but suffered under the hiding of his father's face, and in our room experienced the bitterness of divine wrath, till in his agony he sweat blood, and exclaimed that his soul was "exceeding sorrowful even unto death." Isa. liii. 3. Heb. xii. 3. Matt. xxvi. 38. If it was foretold that he who did eat his bread should lift his heel against him; "Jesus answered and said, he that dippeth his hand with me in the dish the same shall betray me." Psal. xlix. 9. Matt. xxvi. 23. It was predicted that he should be prized at "thirty pieces of silver;" and it is also narrated, that Judas covenanted to betray his Master into the hands of his enemies for that sum. Zech. xi. 12. Matt. xxvi. 14, 15. And the Lord said unto the prophet, "Cast it unto the potter;" and when the traitor returned the reward of his treachery to the chief priests, "they took counsel and bought with it the potter's field to bury strangers in." Zech. xi. 13. Matt. xxvii. 7. In prophecy the Saviour complained, "They shake the head, saying, He trusted in the Lord that he would deliver him; let him deliver him, seeing he trusted in him;" and in the very words did not the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, "mocking him," say, "He trusted in God; let him deliver him now if he will have him?" Psal. xxii. 7, 8. Matt. xxvii. 43. In prophecy the Saviour complained, "They gave me gall for my meat, and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink;" and it was verified when, at Golgotha, "they gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall." Psal. lxix. 21. Matt. xxvii. 34. The prophet fore-