

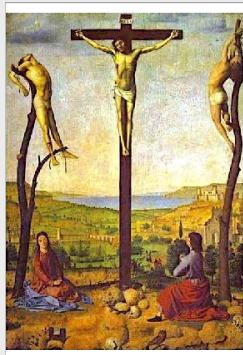
# The Passion of the Messiah

## How You Will Benefit:

- Learn the origins of the concept of the Messiah
- Discover what the Old Testament teaches about the Messiah
- Understand why the Messiah had to suffer and die
- Hear about Messiahs before Jesus
- Find out what the New Testament teaches about Jesus' suffering and death
- Discover what the death of Jesus the Messiah means for you

## What will be Covered:

- The origins of the Messianic expectation
- The idea of a suffering Messiah
- The Messiah(s) before Jesus
- Jesus as the suffering Messiah



## Many people, both in and out of the Church, have wondered

**why Jesus had to die.** If he really was the Messiah, as the New Testament claims, then why in the world did he have to die? Some people believe that Jesus' death was just a tragic accident. Others have supposed that Jesus was simply the victim of a miscarriage of justice. Still others have surmised that Jesus suffered and died to provide people with an example of non-resistance to evil. In this seminar, Dr. Hawkins takes the unique approach of combining the study of the Old and New Testaments with that of literature from the intertestamental period, as well as that of the Dead Sea Scrolls, in order to present a comprehensive view of how 1<sup>st</sup> Jewish Christians understood the suffering and death of Jesus the Messiah. Those who attend *The Passion of the Messiah* will enrich their understanding of the concept of the Messiah, develop a deeper awareness of the idea of the suffering Messiah, and develop a new appreciation for the death of Jesus the Messiah.



## Who Should attend:

Anyone who has ever wondered what it meant for Jesus to be the Messiah and why he had to suffer and die will benefit from these powerful lessons drawn from the pages of the Old and New Testaments.



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