

Scripture Reading: *1 Peter 1:9–13*

## The Mystery Message to the Prophets

'How does a Suffering Saviour **[Cross]**, go with a Sovereign King **[Crown]**?'

- I. They understood the Message — Salvation *1 Peter 1:9–10a*  
*Isaiah 52:7 Isaiah 53:3–6, 10, 11 Isaiah 55:1–2 Isaiah 57:15 Isaiah 61:1*

II. They didn't understand the Mystery — So...

- a. They searched diligently *1 Peter 1:10a*  
*Acts 17:3, 4, 11 2 Timothy 2:15*
- b. They summarised dutifully *1 Peter 1:10a*
- That **grace** not **law** was the governing principle.  
*Ephesians 1:6–7 Ephesians 2:7–8 Ephesians 3:2, 7, 8*
  - All the prophets said so.  
*Matthew 13:16–17 Luke 24:25 Acts 3:18–24 Acts 15:15–16*
- c. They scrutinised determinately *1 Peter 1:11*

**Suffering – Glory = Cross – Crown**

1. The Mystery of the Church and Christ's Suffering  
*Acts 1:6–7 Ephesians 3:1–10*  
The disciples wanted none of it  
*Matthew 16:21–23 Matthew 20:20–28*
2. The Manifestation of the Christ's Crown and His Sovereignty  
*Acts 15:14–16 Romans 11:25–29 Matthew 24:27–30*  
*Revelation 19:11–16*