Easter Plans!



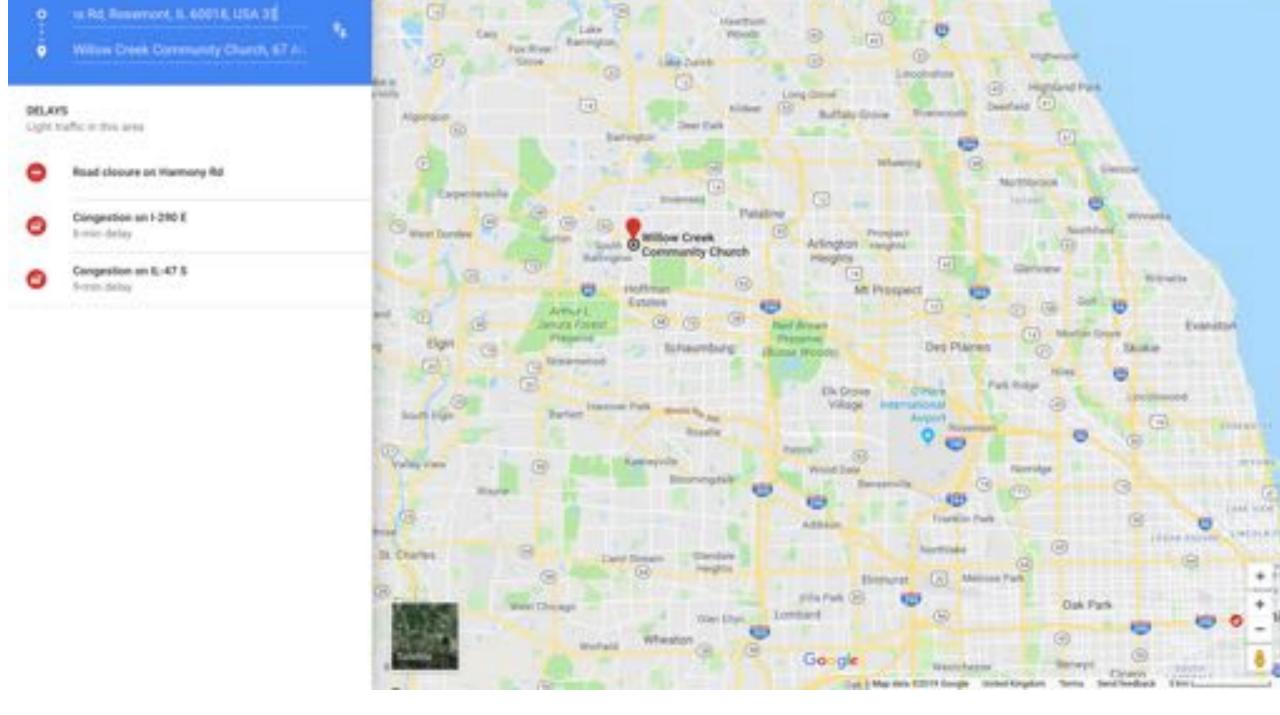




I will **answer** them **before** they even **call** to me. While they are still talking about their needs,
I will go ahead and **answer** their prayers!

Isaiah 65:24





Taking the twelve disciples aside, Jesus said,

"Listen, we're going up to Jerusalem, where all the predictions of the prophets concerning the Son of Man will come true. He will be handed over to the Romans, and he will be mocked, treated shamefully, and spit upon. They will flog him with a whip and kill him, but on the third day he will rise again."

But they didn't understand any of this.

The significance of his words was hidden from them, and they failed to grasp what he was talking about.



He was oppressed and treated harshly, yet he never said a word. He was led like a lamb to the slaughter. And as a sheep is silent before the shearers, he did not open his mouth.

He was unjustly condemned.

Isaiah 53



But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins.

He was beaten so we could be whole.

He was whipped so we could be healed.

Isaiah 53

They have pierced my hands and feet.

I can count all my bones.

My enemies stare at me and gloat.

They divide my garments among
themselves
and throw dice for my clothing.

Psalm 22



It was *our* grief he bore, *our* sorrows that weighed him down. And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God, for his own sins! But he was wounded and bruised for our sins. He was beaten that we might have peace; he was lashed—and we were healed! We—every one of us—have strayed away like sheep! We, who left God's paths to follow our own. Yet God laid on him the guilt and sins of every one of us! Isaiah 54:4-6



It was the Lord's good plan to bruise him and fill him with grief However, when his soul has been made an offering for sin ... He shall live again, and God's programme shall prosper in his hands ... my righteous Servant shall make many to be counted righteous before God, for he shall bear all their sins.

Isaiah 53:10-12



For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. They are plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope

Jeremiah 29:11