



Today's Message

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Title: *The Path: Prophecy, Resolve, and Confusion*

Text: Luke 18:31–34 (ESV)

³¹ And taking the twelve, he said to them, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. ³² For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. ³³ And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise.” ³⁴ But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

Introduction: Jesus had set his face toward Jerusalem (9:51) and was resolved to traverse that path to the bitter end. He explained to the disciples multiple times that a rendezvous with death awaited him in that city. In today's text Jesus explained this once again, but this time he added graphic details of what would happen there. The disciples were confused; they simply could not grasp the idea of a Messiah who dies. Only the resurrection of Jesus would open their eyes of understanding.

I. Jesus explained to the disciples that he was going to Jerusalem to fulfill an eternal plan. 31

- A. The events that lay ahead in Jerusalem were planned by God and predicted in Scripture.
- B. Jesus was resolved to see it all accomplished.

II. He further explained that the plan required . . . 32-33

A. a shocking death . . . 32-33a

1. He would be betrayed.
2. He would be humiliated.
3. He would be beaten.
4. He would be killed.

B. and a glorious resurrection. 33b

III. But the disciples were confused; they could not understand this plan. 34

A. They were thoroughly confused . . .

B. because the path did not end up where they wanted to go.

Addendum: What the disciples did not understand has been revealed to us. Cf. 1 Peter 1:10-12

Today's take-home truth: "The sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories" were planned by God for our salvation; this the good news announced to you today.