



Matthew 17:22-23

Matt. 17:22 Now while they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, “The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men,

Matt. 17:23 and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up.” And they were exceedingly sorrowful.

Context

Death is not a subject that most people want to talk about, especially when it involves someone we love.

So, it’s no surprise that we find the *disciples saddened* by Jesus’ words as He once again tells them that He is going to be killed when they reach Jerusalem.

Yet, despite the reaction of His friends, Jesus seems bent on talking about and preparing them for His death.

In fact, the death of Jesus is a major theme of the New Testament!

Jesus’ death is mentioned directly in 175 verses in the New Testament!

1 of every 45 verses directly speaks of Messiah’s death!

So it’s clear that Jesus wants the disciples (and us) to know something about His death!

Observations & Discussion

1. We know from the Bible that it has always been God's plan to forgive us & to save us from our sin—so why did Jesus have to endure the agony of the Cross? Put another way: what would happen if God forgave us without dealing with the penalty that our sin deserves? (Hint: think about God's nature & check out Psalm 85:10).

2. Read Matthew 1:21 & 1Cor. 15:3: what did Jesus' death accomplish for us?

3. Let's look at *how* did Jesus' death on the Cross accomplished what you answered in question #2. Begin by reading Hebrews 9:22.

A. Read Isaiah 53:6 & 2Cor. 5:21 ~ Jesus became the _____ for our sins.

B. Read Psalm 79:9, Lev. 6:7 & Heb. 10:11-14 ~ Jesus' blood provided the _____ for our sins.

C. Read 1John 4:10 ~ Jesus' death is the _____ for our sins.

D. Read Romans 5:10 ~ by Jesus' death we were _____ to God.

E. Read Matthew 20:28 ~ Jesus' death provided the _____ to purchase us from slavery, sin, & Satan.

F. Read Galatians 3:13 ~ Jesus' death redeemed us from the _____ of the Law,

G. Read Romans 6:14 & 7:4 ~ Jesus' death removed us from the obligation to keep the _____.

H. Read Romans 6:6 ~ Jesus' crucifixion set us free from the power of _____.

I. Read Hebrews 2:14-15 ~ Jesus' death destroyed the power of the _____ over us.

J. Read Galatians 1:4 ~ Jesus' death has delivered us from this _____.