

## Jesus Foretells His Death a Third Time

32 For ver. 32-34, see Matt. 20:17-19; Luke 18:31-33 And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Luke 9:51; 19:28 Jesus was walking ahead of them. And ver. 24 they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, 33saying, “**See, See Matt. 16:21 we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will Matt. 26:66; John 19:7 condemn him to death and Matt. 27:2; John 18:30, 31; Acts 3:13; [Acts 2:23; 4:27; 21:11] deliver him over to the Gentiles.34And they will Matt. 27:26-31 mock him and ch. 14:65; 15:19; See Matt. 26:67 spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And See ch. 8:31 after three days he will rise.”**

- ***I have been struck with the speed or I should say the lack of speed Jesus travelled***
  - ***He used his feet, boats and once a donkey***
  - ***He was in the moment and even the journey of the walk was meant to be used.***
- ***The people he was with were amazed that Jesus wasn't more welcoming to the rich of the world***
  - ***Others were afraid, I'm sure because they were either wealthy or as the disciples had said earlier***
  - ***Who can be saved?***
  - ***What kind of chance do I have?***
- ***Jesus, plainly told them what they were walking into***
  - ***They were on the road to Jerusalem***
  - ***They were about to face the most challenging scene in human history***
  - ***And Jesus did not speak in parables, but spoke plainly***

- ***In 3 days he would rise***
  - ***I'm sure the disciples have no idea what he meant when he said "in 3 days the son will rise."***
  - ***And to be honest I'm not so sure we would have known either if we had been there with them.***
  - ***But, whatever they thought was about to happen was wrong***
  - ***We know this because none of them stayed and expected Jesus to die.***

### **The Request of James and John**

35 [For ver. 35-45, see Matt. 20:20-28] And James and John, [ch. 1:19] the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us [Matt. 18:19] whatever we ask of you." 36 And he said to them, [ver. 51] **"What do you want me to do for you?"** 37 And they said to him, "Grant us [Matt. 19:28] to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, [Luke 9:26] in your glory." 38 Jesus said to them, [Luke 9:33; 23:34] **"You do not know what you are asking. Are you able [ch. 14:36; Matt. 26:29, 42; Luke 22:42; John 18:11; [Isa. 51:22]] to drink the cup that I drink, or [Luke 12:50] to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?"** 39 And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, [Rom. 8:17; Phil. 3:10] **"The cup that I drink [Acts 12:2; Rev. 1:9] you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, [Rom. 6:3] you will be baptized,** 40 **but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, [Matt. 19:11] but it is for those for whom it has been [Matt. 25:34] prepared."**

- ***The disciples had the worst timing, throughout the ministry of Jesus***
  - ***They were constantly not listening and hearing what Jesus was telling them***

- ***But thinking about what they want to say, ask or request***
- ***James and John just heard Jesus say that he was about to die***
  - ***They clearly did not understand what was about to happen, because they were volunteering to be on the right side and left side of him.***
  - ***It would turn out that instead of 2 friends on each side of him, he would have 2 criminals dying beside him.***
- ***As you can imagine this did not sit well with the rest of the disciples***
  - ***These 2 brothers, who were already going everywhere with Jesus, now asking for even more honor***
- ***Hadn't James and John just heard Jesus say that those who are first would be last and last would be first?***

41And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. 42 [For ver. 42-45; [ch. 9:33-36; Luke 22:25-27]] And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles [1 Pet. 5:3] lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. 43But [Matt. 23:11; [Luke 9:48]] it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, [10:43 Greek *diakonos*] 44and whoever would be first among you must be [2 Cor. 4:5] slave [10:44 Or *bondservant*, or *servant* (for the contextual rendering of the Greek word *doulos*, see Preface)] of all. 45For even the Son of Man came not to be served but [John 13:4, 13-15; Phil. 2:7; [2 Cor. 8:9]] to serve, and [Isa. 53:10; Dan. 9:26; John 10:15; 11:51, 52; Rom. 4:25; Gal. 1:4; 2:20; 1 Tim. 2:6; Titus 2:14; 1 Pet. 1:18, 19] to give his life as a ransom for [ch. 14:24; Isa. 53:11, 12; Heb. 2:10; 9:28; [Rom. 5:15; Rev. 5:9]] many.”

- ***Yes the other 10 disciples were a little angry***
  - ***But think about this, they were angry because they were jealous***
  - ***Not because they thought James and John were asking the wrong questions***
  - ***They wanted to be in the position of power***
- ***Jesus, sadly, is in the midst of a self-centered group of people, when he is about to go through the biggest crisis of his life.***
  - ***Instead of being comforted by his followers and friends, he is having to keep them from fighting each other.***
  - ***What about us? Do we find ourselves so focused on me that I miss what Jesus is doing around me?***
- ***Jesus pointed to the great societies of the Roman world, how mighty, rich, powerful people rule***
  - ***That's not the way believers are expected to act.***
  - ***If we want to be great, we must serve others.***
  - ***Jesus was constantly trying to teach them and others this idea.***
    - ***He went further than teaching it, he modeled it.***
    - ***Jesus lived out what he wanted to see from his disciples and what he wants to see from us.***
    - ***Jesus spent his ministry loving God and loving people***
    - ***We need to follow his example, not the example of the leaders we see around us.***

## Jesus Heals Blind Bartimaeus

46 [For ver. 46-52, see Matt. 20:29-34; Luke 18:35-43] And they came to Jericho. And [Luke 18:35; 19:1] as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, [John 9:1, 8] a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. 47 And when he heard that it was [ch. 1:24] Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” 48 And many [Matt. 19:13] rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” 49 And Jesus stopped and said, **“Call him.”** And they called the blind man, saying to him, [John 16:33] “Take heart. Get up; he is calling you.” 50 And throwing off his [ch. 13:16] [Gk.] cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. 51 And Jesus said to him, [ver. 36] **“What do you want me to do for you?”** And the blind man said to him, [John 20:16] “Rabbi, let me recover my sight.” 52 And Jesus said to him, **“Go your way; [ch. 5:34; Matt. 9:22; Luke 7:50; 8:48; 17:19] your faith has [ch. 5:23, 28; 6:56] made you well.”** And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.

- ***Jesus rejected the rich man***
- ***He explained that he was about to die***
- ***James and John want position and titles***
- ***The disciples were jealous***
- ***Jesus tried to teach them to serve***
- ***A blind man is screaming for him.***
  - ***People around him told him to be quiet***
  - ***But he screamed even louder***
- ***This man knew that there was nothing he could do to correct his eyes.***

- *It would only be through the mercy of Jesus that he would be made well*
- *The rich man wanted to do it on his own*
- *James and John thought they had earned it*
- *The disciples fought to claim their spot*
- *Bartimaeus fully trusted in Jesus, to make him well.*
- *This is the message for today*
  - *Like Bartimaeus we can't do anything on our own.*
  - *We can only cry out to Jesus*
  - *We can only beg him to rescue, cleanse, and make us whole*
  - *There is nothing you nor I can do to earn, work or claim salvation as our own or claim it for another*
  - *We must fully recognize that He loves us, because He loves us*
  - *There's not anything we did to get his love, He gave it, because He wanted to.*
  - *And therefore.*
  - *There is nothing I can do.*
  - *to lose, His love.*