

Please Listen This Time

¹⁷ As Jesus was about to go up to Jerusalem, He took the twelve disciples aside by themselves, and on the way He said to them, ¹⁸ "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of Man will be delivered to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn Him to death, ¹⁹ and will hand Him over to the Gentiles to mock and scourge and crucify Him, and on the third day He will be raised up." Matt 20:17-19

1. This is the **THIRD TIME** that Jesus predicts His own death. (Mtt. 16:21; 17:22-23)

2. Jesus **ALWAYS** predicted His death and resurrection **TOGETHER**.

3. Christ's suffering and death were **ALWAYS** Gods **PLAN** of salvation. (Jn. 1:29; Lk. 24:25-26; & 46)

4. God can and does bring **GOOD** out of **EVIL**. (Acts 2:22-24; Gen. 50:20)

5. This prediction gives some new information about the Lord's suffering:
 - a. The pain of **BETRAYAL**. ("delivered" in vs. 18)

 - b. The pain of **HUMILIATION**. ("mock" in vs. 19; Matt. 27:26-30)

 - c. The pain of **REJECTION**. ("condemn" in vs. 18; Jn. 1:10-12)

6. At this point, we should strive to be more like **THOMAS**. (Jn. 11:16)

7. Contrary to popular opinion, Jesus's death was **NOT THE END!!**