

Sermon Application Study

March 22, 2026

Target Passage → Luke 18:31-34

1. How is Jesus' trip to Jerusalem necessary to fulfill OT prophecy?
2. Did Jesus have to endure the suffering of the cross? Why or why not?
3. What do you make of the fact that Jesus knew about his own suffering and death in advance? How does this change our view of the gospel? Consider Isaiah 53:10.
4. Why does Jesus tell the disciples this is about to happen to him even though they can't understand what he means?

Bridge Passages (for further study) → Genesis 3:15, Exodus 12, Isaiah 53, 1 Peter 2:22-25

For Me →

1. How does the brutal method of Jesus' death affect your view of him?
2. Do you think we have lost some of our appreciation for what Jesus has done for us since we don't see crucifixion (thankfully!) used in our culture today? Why or why not?

For the Mission →

1. Some who hold to liberal theological views argue that Jesus' death cannot be a predicted, divinely ordained plan because that would make God the Father and abuser of Jesus. How would you address this view?
2. How might we use the prevalence of crosses in pop culture to help guide someone to Christ. For example, a friend wears a cross necklace, but you're pretty sure he/she doesn't understand its meaning. What might you do or say?

PRAYER FOCUS

Thank the Lord that Jesus was willing to walk to Jerusalem knowing full well exactly what would meet him there. Ask the Lord to deepen your joy and worship as you reflect on the cross.