

“From the Kingdom of Heaven to the Cross”

Matthew 16:21-23

Intro: Jesus began by proclaiming the kingdom of heaven (Mt 4:17) and healing the suffering (Mt 4:23-24). Later, he turned his attention to his own suffering and death on the cross.

- I. Jesus *must*...
 - a. go to Jerusalem
 - i. They went to Jerusalem three times a year
 - ii. This would be the ultimate Passover
 - iii. Fulfillment of Genesis 22:1-14
 - b. suffer many things
 - i. *Why?*
 1. Fulfill prophecy (Isaiah 52:13-53:12)
 2. “Learn obedience” (Heb 5:8-9)
 3. Path to glory (Lk 24:26)
 - c. be killed
 - i. Wages of sin (Romans 6:23)
 - ii. No forgiveness without shed blood (Heb 9:22)
 - iii. Cost of ransom/redemption (Ps 49; Mt 20:28)
 - d. be raised to life
 - i. Psalm 16:9-11
 - ii. Sign of Jonah (Mt 16:4)
 - iii. Triumph over sin & death (1 Co 15:17-19)
- II. Peter’s rebuke: “Never, Lord!”
- III. Jesus’ rebuke: “Get behind me, Satan!”

Close: “For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.” 1 Corinthians 1:18