

Matthew 16:21-23 **Jesus Must be Killed and be Raised on the Third Day**

21 From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.

22 Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!"

23 But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men." NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ✚ In God's plan, every detail is known before hand.
 - ✦ Jesus knew that He would **suffer** and **be killed** at the hands of the **elders, chief priests, and scribes in Jerusalem**, then He would be buried and **raised on the third day**. [[Matthew 16:21](#), [Mark 8:31](#), [Luke 9:22](#)]
 - ✦ Each detail in a prediction multiplies exponentially the improbability of it to happen by random chance.
 - ✦ Here Jesus predicted the **place**, the **people** who would perpetrate the deed, the **suffering**, the resultant **death**, and the duration of the **time** before the completion of the scenario the **Resurrection**, to be accomplished.
 - ✦ This many factors that all had to happen in order makes it almost impossible for anyone to guess ahead of time, indicating that God had to be the source of the revelation.
 - ✦ The scenario had not been predicted any time in the prophecies of the Old Covenant Scriptures.
 - ✦ Jesus had predicted His **death, burial**, and the **time** and **Resurrection** in His comparison of the **Sign of Jonah** teaching. [[Matthew 12:38-42](#)]
 - ✦ Jesus predicted His death, burial, and Resurrection many times: [[Matthew 12:40](#), [16:21](#), [17:9](#), [22-23](#), [20:17-19](#), [26:32](#), [Mark 8:31](#), [9:9](#), [30-31](#), [10:32-34](#), [14:28](#), [Luke 9:21-22](#), [18:31-33](#)]
- ✚ Peter who had just identified Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the Living God, to whom Jesus had just said:
 - ✦ "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah (son of Jonah), for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in Heaven."
 - ✦ "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My Church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it."
- ✚ Now Peter rejects the thought of Jesus suffering and death, and Peter said, "Far be it from You Lord, this shall not happen to You!" [[Matthew 16:22](#)]
 - ✦ This is a most human response for one who is convinced that this same Jesus has come as the Messiah Ben-David to set up His perfect Kingdom and reign over the entire earth.
 - ✦ With that expectation, it is difficult to accept the concept that this same Jesus must suffer at the hands of religious leaders of Israel, and be killed.
 - ✦ The thought of Him rising from the dead in three days was not even in the mind at all.
- ✚ Jesus said to Peter; "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men." [[Matthew 16:23](#)]
 - ✦ This is a radical reversal of Jesus' previous statement of praise for Peter on the acknowledgment when Peter had said that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God.
 - ✦ Now the same Jesus said to the same Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men."

- ✚ In this exchange, we learn that the most dedicated person, may speak like Satan in rejecting things that God holds necessary to fulfill His purpose, just because it does not fit into our own ideas as to what we expect from God's plan and purpose.
 - ✧ We miss many great blessings by looking at events through our own eyes rather than through God's revealed purpose.
 - ✧ When we reject God's purpose, we become offensive to God.
 - ✧ Satan can not tempt us in any way that is not common through our own thoughts, emotions, and desires. [\[1 Corinthians 10:13, James 1:4\]](#)
 - ✧ It is important to look at every event through the revealed purpose of God, and not through our own feelings and desires at the time. [\[Romans 5:1-5\]](#)
- ✚ Knowing the Glory that lie ahead, Jesus endured the shame and the Cross. [\[Hebrews 12:2\]](#)
- ✚ Jesus was therefore able to say, "**Not My will but Yours be done**" in His prayer in the garden. [\[Matthew 26:36-44, Mark 14:32-39, Luke 22:42\]](#)
 - ✧ Could we do the same? The time is coming when we will be required to make that choice, are we ready?