

Matthew 17:22-23 **Jesus will be Betrayed, Killed, and Raised on the Third Day**

22 Now while they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men, 23 and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up." And they were exceedingly sorrowful. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ✚ Jesus again predicted His betrayal, death, and resurrection. [Matthew 12:38-42, 16:21, 17:22-23, Mark 9:30-31, Luke 9:22, 43-45, 18:31-34, John 2:19-20, Acts 10:39-41]
- ✚ 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]
 - ✧ Each detail in a prediction multiplies exponentially the improbability of it to happen by random chance.
 - ✧ 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** of His **Resurrection** in His comparison of the **Sign of Jonah** teaching. [Matthew 12:38-42, 16:4, Luke 11:29-32, 18:31-34]
- ✚ The disciples were exceedingly sorrowful, because they did not understand and they were afraid to ask. [Matthew 17:23, Mark 9:32, Luke 9:43-45, 18:31-34]