Matthew 20:17-19 Jesus' death and resurrection predicted

17 Now Jesus, going up to Jerusalem, took the twelve disciples aside on the road and said to them, 18 Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death, 19 and deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock and to scourge and to crucify. And the third day He will rise again." NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- Jesus is continuing His final trip to Jerusalem and environs. [Matthew 20:17-19, 19:1, Mark 10:32-34, Luke 18:31-34]
- Jesus clearly told the disciples that they are going to Jerusalem, where He will be <u>betrayed</u> to the <u>chief priests</u> and <u>scribes</u>, <u>condemned to death</u>, <u>delivered to the Gentiles</u>, <u>mocked</u>, <u>scourged</u>, <u>Spit upon</u>, <u>crucified</u>, and on the <u>third day</u> He will <u>rise again</u>. [Matthew 20:18-19, Mark 10:32-34, Luke 18:31-34]
- ✤ In God's plan, every detail is known before hand.
 - ♦ Each detail in a prediction multiplies exponentially the improbability of it to happen by random chance.
 - Here Jesus predicted the place, betrayal, 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, 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]