

Matthew 20: 17-19

Jesus Again Predicts His Death

"Now as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside and said to them, 'We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will turn him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day, he will be raised to life.' "

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See also [Mark 10: 32-35](#) and [Luke 18: 31-33](#).

Jesus was God in the flesh, and as such, he was in complete control of his entire life, even his death. He knew and told his disciples exactly what was going to happen to him, that he would be betrayed, condemned to death and crucified, but raised to life on the third day. Notice the meticulous detail of Jesus prophecy.

The disciples, who thought he was going to build an earthly kingdom and overthrow the Roman authorities, were not ready to hear this. Had I been there myself, I would not have been ready to hear it either!!

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