

Journey to the Cross: Purposeful Journey

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Mark 10:32-34

32 They were on their way up to Jerusalem, with Jesus leading the way, and the disciples were astonished, while those who followed were afraid. Again he took the Twelve aside and told them what was going to happen to him. 33 "We are going up to Jerusalem," he said, "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 hand him over to the Gentiles, 34 who will mock him and spit on him, flog him and kill him. Three days later he will rise."

Christ's journey to the cross was...

1. **FORETOLD**

Isa 53:3-12 (written 700 years before the birth of Christ)

3 He was despised and rejected by men... and we esteemed him not. 4 Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. 6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. 7 He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

Luke 18:31-33

31 Jesus took the Twelve aside and told them, "We are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled. 32 He will be handed over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, insult him,

spit on him, flog him and kill him. 33 On the third day he will rise again."

Christ's journey to the cross was...

2. **INTENTIONAL**

John 12:23-24, 27-28

23 Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24 I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. 25-26... 27 "Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. 28 Father, glorify your name!"

Christ's journey to the cross was...

3. **PURPOSEFUL**

Ps 16:10 (written 1000 years before the birth of Christ)

... you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay.

John 10:10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it more abundantly.

John 3:16

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, so that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

Heb 12:2

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross...

Ex 6:6

[The Lord said] ... I will redeem you with an outstretched arm...