

Scripture: Matthew 16:13-28

Children's Sermon

Singing: 266:1-3 – 123:1 – 100:1-4 – 200:2-3 – 431:3 - 6

Intro: Following Jesus is an uphill journey! (Matthew 16:24-26)

A. It began with much eagerness and expectation

B. Yet it came with growing challenges and sacrifices

JESUS' REVELATION ABOUT HIS DEATH

I. It was needed II. It was resisted III. It was of God

I. Jesus's death is needed for salvation

A. The Lord's announcement (vs. 21) deeply shocked His disciples

1. This toppled all their expectations

2. It was not first time Jesus iced their expectations (Matt. 10:16-42)

a. He warned them that they would be ...

- as sheep among wolves
- delivered to rulers and scourged in the churches
- betrayed by family and friends
- hated of all men for my Name's sake

B. Why did Jesus say *He must go*?

1. Because it was in God's plan book: 1 Peter 1:20; Gen. 3:15; Is. 53

Acts 4: 27: ... *for to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done*

2. Because it was necessary for salvation: Matt. 20:28; Heb. 9:22

Heb. 9:22: *and without shedding of blood is no remission*

3. Because Jesus loved His Father: John 10:17-18

II. Jesus was resisted by Peter

A. Peter sprang into action: vs. 22-23

1. His words and deeds were *dishonorable*

a. he took Jesus

b. he rebuked Jesus

2. Why did Peter say this? Why did he rebuke Jesus?
 - a. was it love?
 - b. was it fear?
 - c. was it ignorance?
 - d. was it Satanic?

III. Jesus' answer show that His death was of God

A. Satan used Peter to tempt Jesus

1. He did it personally in the wilderness (Matt. 4:8-9)
2. Now he did it through Peter (vs. 23)

B. As Jesus chases off Satan, He drops a beautiful truth: 23b

1. Satan, you don't think clearly about the Gospel: *for thou savourest not*
2. Satan: you are not reading God's thoughts in my death!

Living these truth...

A. Do you hear the heavenly music in vs. 23b?

1. It sings about both the Father and the Son's amazing love

B. Is Satan tempting you like he tempted Jesus?

1. He tempted Jesus to stay away from the cross and he tempts us to stay away from Jesus!

C. Are you *listening* (obeying) the Lord Jesus as He calls you?