

Morning Sermon September 14, 2014

Luke 18:31-34

"Our Cross-Eyed Savior"

I. Notice first in this passage, the repetition, the great emphasis –

³² "For He will be delivered to the Gentiles and will be mocked and insulted and spit upon. ³³ "They will scourge Him and kill Him.

1. Luke recorded instances of Jesus speaking about His death and suffering before –

saying, "The Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day." (Luke 9:22 NKJ)

... Jesus did, He said to His disciples, ⁴⁴ "Let these words sink down into your ears, for the Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men." ⁴⁵ But they did not understand this saying, and it was hidden from them so that they did not perceive it; and they were afraid to ask Him about this saying. (Luke 9:43-45 NKJ)

"But I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how distressed I am till it is accomplished! (Luke 12:50 NKJ) *The baptism mentioned here is a reference to His death on the cross!*

"But first He must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation. (Luke 17:25 NKJ)

2. This is something the prophets had emphasized –

, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of Man will be accomplished.

I gave My back to those who struck Me, And My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting. (Isaiah 50:6 NKJ)

Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently; He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high. (Isaiah 52:13 NKJ)

¹³ Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently; He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high. ¹⁴ Just as many were astonished at you, So His visage was marred more than any man, And His form more than the sons of men; ¹⁵ So shall He sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut

their mouths at Him; For what had not been told them they shall see, And what they had not heard they shall consider. ^{NKJ} Isaiah 53:1 Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ² For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, *There is no beauty that we should desire Him.* ³ He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, *our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.* ⁴ Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But He *was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.* ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. ⁷ He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth. ⁸ He was taken from prison and from judgment, And who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken. ⁹ And they made His grave with the wicked-- But with the rich at His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor *was any deceit in His mouth.* ¹⁰ Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, And the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand. ¹¹ He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities. ¹² Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong, Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors. (Isaiah 52:13-53:12 NKJ)

3. Old Testament types and prophecies were all about Jesus! Jesus' death is pictured or hinted at in:

- A. The serpent's bruising of the heel of Christ as Eve's Seed Who would crush Satan's head – Genesis 3:15
- B. In the animal killed to clothe Adam and Eve, He died that we might be clothed in His righteousness – Genesis 3:21
- C. In the better offering, from his flock, offered by Abel – Genesis 4:1-4; Hebrews 11:4
- D. In the blood speaking better things than the blood of Abel – Genesis 4:10; Hebrews 12:12
- E. In that He is the Lamb of God – Genesis 22:6-8; Exodus 12:1-7 & :13-14; John 1:29; Revelation 13:8

- F. *As the promised Seed of Abraham and in the bloody sign of circumcision – Genesis 12:1-3; 17:1-10*
- G. *As the offered up Only Begotten Son – Genesis 22; Hebrews 11:17-19; John 3:16*
- H. *As Jacob's Ladder – Genesis 28:13-22; John 1:47-51*
- I. *A Mediator between Heaven and Earth / God and sinful men – Exodus 20:19; 1 Timothy 2:5-6; Hebrews 9:15-16*
- J. *As Loved by His Father, Hated by Brothers – Genesis 37:3 / Matthew 3:17; John 3:35 Genesis 37:4 / John 15:23-25 Genesis 37:18 / Mark 3:36*
- K. *In the bitter water made sweet – Exodus 15:22-27*
- L. *As true Bread from Heaven – Exodus 16:4-21; John 6:56-58*
- M. *As the Rock of Salvation – Exodus 17:1-7; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6*
- N. *In the Bronze Serpent – Numbers 21:4-9; John 3:14-16*
- O. *As the Good Shepherd, Who gives His life for the sheep – Psalm 23; John 10:11*
- P. *As the rejected Cornerstone – Psalm 118:22-29; 1 Peter 2:4-8*
- Q. *The Unrecognized Suffering Messiah – Isaiah 53; Psalm 22; Zechariah 12:8-10*

II. Notice the WHY behind such repetition and emphasis

- 1. *It was NOT something they were understanding, getting or seeing –*

³⁴ **But they understood none of these things; this saying was hidden from them, and they did not know the things which were spoken. (Luke 18:31-34 NKJ)**

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Why didn't they understand?

- A. *These things were "hidden" ... Seeing all the prophecies and Jesus' repetition you could say they were both revealed and hidden, it was not God's time for them yet.*
- B. *Yet, also foolishness and slow hearts hinder us from seeing and understanding such things –*

²⁵ **Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ "Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?" (Luke 24:25-26 NKJ)**
We NEED repetition because of slowness of heart, Deuteronomy means Second Law, as the Israelites needed to be given the law twice, because they were stubborn, stiff-necked and slow to believe; so are we!

C. *In fact, we cannot see or understand these things without God's Holy Spirit helping us –*

But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him." ¹⁰ But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. (1 Corinthians 2:9-10 NKJ)

But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. (1 Corinthians 2:14 NKJ)

- 2. *Why such emphasis? God would show us His sovereignty through fulfilled prophecy –*

A. *Fulfilled prophecy shows power, ability, control –*

⁹ **Remember the former things of old, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, ¹⁰ Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things that are not yet done, Saying, 'My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure,' (Isaiah 46:9-10 NKJ)**

B. *Fulfilled prophecy / Christ's cross is something we need to remember during times of trial –*

It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation. ⁸ All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. (Revelation 13:7-8 NKJ).

- 3. *The emphasis and repetition shows the GREAT IMPORTANCE of the CROSS!*

¹⁸ **For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. (1 Corinthians 1:18 NKJ)**

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