

The Christ, His Church, & The Cost—Part 3

“The Cost to Jesus”

Matthew 16:21-23

I. Jesus' _____ (v. 21)

- a. **From that time Jesus began** marks a major transition in Jesus' ministry (cf. Matt. 4:17)
 - i. His focus has shifted from public ministry to His journey to Calvary's Cross
- b. Now He will continue to repeatedly and openly refer to His crucifixion (cf. Matt. 9:15; 10:38; 12:39-40; 16:4; 17:22-23; 20:18-19; 26:2, 12, 21, 31-32; John 2:19, 3:14, 6:51; 12:7; 17:9, 12, 22-23)
- c. **must** is a present active indicative that highlights the inedibility of Jesus' four actions, but WHY?
 - i. **Because** _____ (Acts 2:23; cf. Luke 22:22; Acts 3:18; 4:28; 10:42; 17:31; Rom. 8:29; Eph. 1:4-5)
 - ii. **Because** _____ (Matt. 20:28; cf. Heb. 9:22)
 - iii. **Because** _____ (Ps. 22:1, 6-8, 14, 16, 18, cf. Isa. 53; Ps. 16)
- d. Jesus' Four Actions:
 - i. **go to Jerusalem** (“foundation of peace”; cf. Gen. 22; 2 Samuel 24; Matt. 21:13; 23:1-33; Luke 13:33)
 - ii. **suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes** (cf. Isa. 53:4)
 - iii. **be killed** (cf. Rom. 3:23; 6:23; Isa. 53:5; Gen. 12:3; Matt. 1:2, 17)
 - iv. **be raised up on the third day** (Matt. 12:40; cf. Jonah 1:15-17; Hosea 6:2; Gen. 49:9-10; Matt. 1:6, 17; 16:4; 1 Cor. 15:4)

II. Jesus' _____ (v. 22)

- a. Peter's rebuke is in a most extreme and foreful form of language!
- b. His rebuke is actually very similar to Satan's temptation in the wilderness (cf. Matt. 4:8-9)
 - i. Calvary's Cross has always been God's Plan of Redemption and any offer to avoid it is from the devil
- c. But do we blame Peter too harshly?
 - i. He was a product of his culture (Acts 1:6)
 - ii. He really did love Jesus
 1. Would we do any better?
 2. Do we also question God's will, especially when we think it leads to possible sacrifice and suffering?

III. Jesus' _____ (v. 23)

- a. **He turned** = Jesus literally turned His back on Peter
- b. **Get behind Me, Satan!** = Peter was allowing himself to be used by Satan to tempt Jesus and He was having none of it!
- c. **You are a stumbling block to Me** = *skandalon* (σκάνδαλον) = “a trap, an obstacle, that which causes someone to sin”
- d. **for you are not setting your mind on God's interests, but man's** =
 - i. When we think that we know better than God
 - ii. When we put our comfort and safety over following Christ
 - iii. When we focus too much on the world, instead of its Creator