FOUR THINGS JESUS HAD TO DO
Matt. 16:21 / 3-31-19 / AM

I. FIRST, JESUS SAID HE MUST GO TO JERUSALEM.

A. Verse 13 tells us that they were in Caesarea Philippi at the far northern boundary of Israel.

B. The disciples probably feared turning south toward Jerusalem where they would no doubt face the wrath of the religious leaders.

C. Why did He have to go there?
   1. First, because it was in Jerusalem that Abraham offered his son Isaac.
   2. Second, Jesus expressed another reason he had to go to Jerusalem in Luke 13:33.

II. SECOND, JESUS SAID HE MUST SUFFER.

A. Each of these otherwise rival groups were bound together by their jealousy and hatred of Jesus.

B. What things did Jesus suffer?
   1. Beatings at the hands of His Jewish and Roman captors.
   2. Whipping with a scourge.
   3. Rejection and denial.

C. Why did Jesus feel He must suffer?
   1. His suffering reveals the seriousness of sin - Romans 6:23.
   2. His suffering also reveals the love of God - John 3:16.
   3. His suffering reveals Jesus’ understanding of our own sufferings.
III. THIRD, JESUS SAID HE MUST BE KILLED.

A. This verse makes it clear that Jesus knew beforehand that He would be killed.

B. Jesus even knew why he would die-- Matthew 20:28

IV. FOURTH, JESUS SAID HE MUST BE RAISED.

A. After hearing Jesus say He would suffer and die, the disciples likely missed this last declaration.

B. Why must He be raised?--I Corinthians 15:14, 17.