

## **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.
  - 4. Crucifixion.
- 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.