

The Second Prediction of the Cross



Section 88

Matthew 17:22-23; Mark 9:30-32; Luke 9:43-45

Matthew 17

²²When they came together in Galilee, he said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men. ²³They will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised to life." And the disciples were filled with grief.

Mark 9

³⁰They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were. ³¹Because he was teaching his disciples, he said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise." ³²But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.

Luke 9

⁴³And they were all amazed at the greatness of God. While everyone was marveling at all that Jesus did, he said to his disciples, ⁴⁴"Listen carefully to what I am about to tell you: The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men." ⁴⁵But they did not understand what this meant. It was hidden from them, so that they did not grasp it, and they were afraid to ask him about it.

New Elements



- This prediction emphasizes the certainty (this will happen), rather than the necessity (this must happen)
- This prediction introduces the idea of **betrayal** into the events
 - No details of the betrayal are provided at this point

The Disciples' Reaction



- Mark
 - Filled with grief
- Matthew
 - Did not understand
- Luke
 - Did not understand because it was **hidden from them**

The Concealment



- Who conceals (hides) the truth from the apostles?
 1. The **Apostles** themselves
 - Due to faulty ideas about the Messiah
 2. The **Devil** (forces of evil)
 3. **Jesus** hides this
 - By selectively only providing partial information
 4. **God**
 - Acts in some way to darken their thinking