

This Study Guide is based on a sermon by Dr. Joshua Mack. You will find the link to the sermon here.

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Luke 9:21-22

Swahili

Yesu akawakataza wasimwambie mtu ye yote jambo hilo. Yesu akasema, “Imempasa Mwana wa Adamu kupata mateso mengi na kukataliwa na wazee, viongozi wa makuhani na walimu wa sheria, naye atauawa na siku ya tatu atafufuka.”

Zulu

Wabayala, wagcizelela ukuba bangatsheli muntu lokho, wathi: “INdodana yomuntu imelwe ukhupheka ngokuningi, ilahlwe ngamalunga nabapristi abakhulu nababhali, ibulawe, ivuswe ngosuku lwesithathu.”

Shona

Sermon Summary:

One of the most important things the believers in the early church wanted others to know about Jesus is that He is the Christ. While that concept is not very familiar to most people we are talking to, it was an idea that many Jews had thought about. Unfortunately, they weren't thinking correctly about it. They had a number of inadequate ideas about what the Messiah was going to do.

This was even true for the disciples. The disciples had a confused idea of what that meant. In order to help them understand His work as Messiah, Jesus takes some time to explain some things that must happen for Him to do what God was calling Him to do.

He must:

- 1.) Suffer
- 2.) Be Rejected
- 3.) Die
- 4.) And be raised again

It's difficult for us to appreciate how hard this was for the disciples to grasp. The reason it was difficult for them to grasp however was not because God hadn't revealed it. He had! Throughout the Old Testament we see two aspects

of the Messiah's work, suffering and ruling, and Jesus was saying the suffering comes first.

Specifically, there are five major passages which show us the Messiah had to suffer:

- 1.) Isaiah 53
- 2.) Psalm 22
- 3.) Zechariah 12:10
- 4.) Zechariah 13:7
- 5.) Daniel 9:24-26

The fact that the people missed these clear prophecies regarding the Messiah's suffering is certainly a warning to us. It's possible to become so focused on our own agenda, that even as we read the Scripture, we miss out on God's agenda. But the fact, that Jesus was rejected and still accomplished God's plan is also an encouragement to us, because it reminds us, that there is absolutely nothing that people can do that can stop God from accomplishing His great plan of saving His people and reversing the curse!

Questions:

1. What is the thing you most want people to know about Jesus?
2. If you think about the stories Luke has been telling us about Jesus, what do you think are some of the most important things he wants us to know about him?
3. Read Luke 9:18-22 out loud. What truth does Peter confess about Jesus here?
4. What are some proofs from other passages of Scripture that the early church thought this was a very important truth for people to know about Jesus?
5. Read 2 Corinthians 1:22-24. Why do you think Paul said the cross was a stumbling block to the Jews. How would this especially been a stumbling block to them believing He was the Christ?
6. Read Luke 24:25-27. Jesus is talking to a few of his disciples who were discouraged after his crucifixion. What is the reason he gives as to why they were discouraged? Was his suffering an accident according to Jesus? How did he prove that it was necessary for him to die?
7. What passages in the Old Testament can we go to in order to demonstrate that it was necessary for Jesus to suffer and die and rise again?

8. Why did the Messiah need to die?
9. How did this study challenge or encourage you?