

Series: **FOUR MESSAGES TO THE CROSS**

Title: **The Message to the Followers: “I WILL DIE, YET WILL I RISE”**

Text: 2 Tim 2:11-13; Matthew 16:21-23; 17:22–23; 20:17–19

**2 Tim 2:11-13**

*<sup>11</sup> The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; <sup>12</sup> if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; <sup>13</sup> if we are faithless, he remains faithful— for he cannot deny himself.*

**If we have died with him, we will also live with him.**

**THREE TIMES JESUS SPOKE OF HIS DEATH**

**First time: after feeding the multitudes.**

**Matthew 16:21-23** (Also **Mark 8:31-33** and **Luke 9:21-27**)

*<sup>21</sup> From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup> **And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him**, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” <sup>23</sup> But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me.*

Luke adds that he would be rejected and names himself the Son of Man.

The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders.

**Their response to this news**

- Peter rebuked him.
- They did not understand.
- They were afraid.

**His instruction to us:**

- Regarding fear, anger, and the contrast of earthly thinking and eternal thinking

**Luke 9:23-27**

*<sup>23</sup> And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. <sup>24</sup> For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. <sup>25</sup> For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself? <sup>26</sup> For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.*

<sup>27</sup> *But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God.”*

- Take up your cross.
- Follow me.
- He who loses life for His sake will save it.
- **Mark 8:36-37** <sup>36</sup> *For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?* <sup>37</sup> *For what can a man give in return for his soul?*
- Do not be ashamed of me.

Stop being driven by evil thinking.

- Chastises Peter – “Get behind me...!”

Stop being driven by earthly thinking.

- “For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”
- Deny yourself.
- Lose your life for My sake.

Start being driven by Eternal things.

- Your soul is more important than the world.
- Do not be ashamed of Him.

## **Second time: after the Transfiguration.**

### **Luke 9:43-45**

<sup>43</sup> *But while they were all marveling at everything he was doing, Jesus said to his disciples,* <sup>44</sup> *“Let these words sink into your ears: The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men.”* <sup>45</sup> ***But they did not understand this saying, and it was concealed from them, so that they might not perceive it. And they were afraid to ask him about this saying.***

**Mark 9:31-32** says that he spoke these words while teaching his disciples.

- Mark says that they were passing through Galilee.
- <sup>32</sup> ***But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.***

**Matthew 17:22-23** states, ...***And they were greatly distressed.***

**Their response again to the news of His Redeeming process**

- They were distressed.
- They were afraid.
- No understanding.
- They felt the need to position for special treatment.

- If He is gone, then where do we stand.
- Followed by who will be the greatest in the kingdom...how is this going to play out for us?
- It was concealed...they could not perceive it.
- They were afraid to ask.

## **His Instruction to us:**

### **Luke 9:46-48**

*<sup>46</sup> An argument arose among them as to which of them was the greatest. <sup>47</sup> But Jesus, knowing the reasoning of their hearts, took a child and put him by his side <sup>48</sup> and said to them, "Whoever receives this child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. For he who is least among you all is the one who is great."*

### **Mark 9:35-37**

*<sup>35</sup> "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all." <sup>36</sup> And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup> "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me."*

Don't be driven by selfish desires.

Don't be driven by successful delusions.

Do be driven by receiving and serving others.

## **Third Time: heading to Jerusalem for Passover**

The event is imminent: 24 hours before He is crucified. And he shares with them again:

### **Mark 10:32-34**

*<sup>32</sup> And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, <sup>33</sup> saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. <sup>34</sup> And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise."*

**Matthew 20:17-19** adds:

- He would also be flogged and crucified.

### **Luke 18:31-34 states**

- The prophecies would be fulfilled.
  - Everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished.
  - Shamefully treated and spit upon.

### **Their response a third time**

- No understanding
- It was hidden.
- They did not grasp it.

**Luke 18:34** *But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.*

### **Followed by the mother's request for elevation of her sons in the kingdom.**

- **Matthew 20:20-28**
- <sup>22</sup> *...Are you able to drink the cup that I am to drink?" They said to him, "We are able."<sup>23</sup> He said to them, "You will drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father."*
- <sup>27</sup> *...and whoever would be first among you must be your slave,<sup>28</sup> even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*

### **His Instruction to us:**

Start believing the Scriptures. They will be fulfilled.

Some things are hidden from you. He is still in control.

Serving others is a true response to being a follower of Christ. Love others.

## **The Gospel of John**

### **There are a few other statements that Jesus made regarding his death in the Gospel of John**

The Gospel of John gives a few more predictions of Jesus's death, but they are slightly more subtle. For instance, when Mary anointed Jesus with the costly perfume, and Judas asked if she should have sold it for the poor, Christ said, "Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of my burial.

### **John 12:7-8**

<sup>7</sup> *Jesus said, "Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup> For the poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me."*

- While not an explicit prediction like the previous three, this statement of Jesus clearly pointed to His coming death and burial.

### **John 13:33-35**

<sup>33</sup> *“Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, ‘Where I am going you cannot come.’”*

- Jesus hinted that His time was short as He told the disciples, “Where I am going you cannot come.”
- Then gave the commandment to love one another as He had love them:
  - <sup>34</sup> *“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”*

### **John 14:25**

*“These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you...”*

- Jesus talked about giving the Holy Spirit in His absence, which hinted at His death as well as the future of the church.

Jesus intentionally came to earth to die for our sins. Jesus gave His disciples predictions about His death and the events that followed.

### **John 14:29, 31**

*“...so that when it does take place you may believe...but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father.”*

## **His Instruction to us**

Be Humble

- Model the humility of the woman who anointed Jesus’ feet. We are all at the feet of Jesus.

Love others.

- People will know we are His by loving them.

You are not alone.

- The Holy Spirit will be with you.

Believe, and be obedient.

- His death and resurrection are in obedience to the Father that we might believe.

He said every time:

**I will die... yet will I live.**

We, in Him must say:

**I have died with Him; I also will live with Him.**

**Our responses when faced with the crosses of our life:**

- Anger
- Fear
- Distress
- Lack of Understanding
- Inability to Grasp
- Positioning
- Disbelief

**Jesus Words to us as we face to crosses of our lives:**

- Deny yourself.
- Take your cross.
- Follow Me.
- Do not be ashamed of Me.
- Serve others.
- Love others.
- Believe.

**IF WE HAVE DIED WITH HIM, WE WILL ALSO LIVE WITH HIM.**