

FORETELLING OF THE CROSS

Matthew 20:17-19

I. Predictions of Christ's Death

- A. First prediction - Matthew 16:21
- B. Second Prediction – Matthew 17:22-23
- C. Third Prediction – Matthew 20:17-19

II. The Necessity of His Suffering

- A. To Fulfill Scripture – Luke 24:44-47
- B. To Complete His Mission – Luke 9:22

III. Christ's Willing Acceptance of His Death

- A. Jesus Christ gave His life as a ransom. His death was the price paid to redeem others from death. Matthew 20:28; Luke 9:30-31; Hebrews 2:14-18
- B. Jesus Christ died because of the sins of others. John 12:32-33; 1 John 2:2
- C. Jesus' death is the basis of pardon being granted to sinners. Hebrews 9:22, 28
 - The death of Christ is Heaven's magnet drawing all men to Himself.
 - Only on the basis of Christ's crucifixion can God bridge His relationship to man.
 - Christ's death cleared the way for God to pardon man and provide eternal life.

Takeaways:

Christ was fully obedient to His Father. Phil. 2:8

Christ learned obedience through suffering. Hebrew 5:8

Obedience is costly.