

(47) Jesus Foretells His Death (Mt. 16:21-26; Mk. 8:31-37; Lk. 9:22-25)

(48) Kingdom Promised (Mt. 16:27-28; Mk. 9:1; Lk. 9:26-27)

(49) The Transfiguration (Mt. 17:1-13; Mk. 9:2-13; Lk. 9:28-36)

1. "From that time" indicates that Peter's Great Confession marks a turning point in the earthly ministry of Jesus Christ (Mt. 16:21).
2. The plan of God clearly has a variety of potentialities (Mt. 11:21,23), but at this stage of His ministry Jesus identified the necessity of the reality of His coming passion (Lk. 24:26; Acts 3:18,21; 17:3).
 - a. δεῖ dei ^{#1163} to be under necessity of happening, *it is necessary*, denoting compulsion of any kind.
 - b. Go to Jerusalem (Mt. 16:21 cf. 23:37).
 - c. Suffer many things (Mt. 16:21; Mk. 8:31; Lk. 9:22).
 - d. Be rejected (Mk. 8:31; Lk. 9:22).
 - 1) Elders. The family, clan and tribal elders demonstrated the political rejection of the Christ.
 - 2) Chief Priests. The priesthood leadership demonstrated the spiritual rejection of the Christ.
 - 3) Scribes. The educational leadership demonstrated the academic rejection of the Christ.
 - e. Be killed (Mt. 16:21; Mk. 8:31; Lk. 9:22).
 - f. Be raised up on the third day (Mt. 16:21; Mk. 8:31; Lk. 9:22).
3. Peter played the useful idiot for Satan's efforts to discourage Jesus (Mt. 16:22-23; Mk. 8:32-33).
 - a. Jesus kept his mind focused on the things of God (which produced His conviction of the reality).
 - b. Peter kept his mind focused on the things of man (which dwells on alternate potentialities).
4. Jesus followed his rebuke of Peter with a challenging metaphor for all disciples to take up their cross (Mt. 16:24-26; Mk. 8:34-37; Lk. 9:23-25).
 - a. Coming/going (aor. ἔρχομαι erchomai ^{#2064}_{630x}) after Christ requires following (pres. ἀκολουθεῖω akoloutheō ^{#190}_{90x}) Him.
 - b. Following Christ requires taking up a personal cross.
 - c. Taking up our cross requires a denial of self.
 - d. Denying self means we identify the Savior and the saved for all three phases of salvation.
5. The reality of the delayed crown creates the necessity of the present cross (Mt. 16:27-28; Mk. 8:38-9:1; Lk. 9:26-27).
6. The Transfiguration episode is the Kingdom preview for the most intimate disciples (Mt. 17:1-13; Mk. 9:2-13; Lk. 9:28-36).
 - a. Jesus promised "some" of His disciples a "vision" of His kingdom (Mt. 16:28; Mk. 9:1; Lk. 9:27).
 - b. Jesus then took Peter, James and John to a high mountain for the Transfiguration Display.
 - c. Jesus was transformed. μεταμορφώω metamorphoō ^{#3339}_{4x}.
 - d. Moses and Elijah appeared "in glory" and spoke to Jesus concerning His imminent exodus (Lk. 9:31).
 - e. The disciples woke up in time to see the display (Lk. 9:32).
 - f. Peter came up with a triple tabernacle plan but God the Father silenced that stupid idea immediately (Mt. 17:4-6; Mk. 9:5-7; Lk. 9:33-36).
 - g. After this incident the disciples will be able to resolve their John the Baptist vs. Elijah confusion (Mt. 17:9-13).