

The Way of Jesus

Matthew 16:21

Christ's Mission

- From that time on
 - Jesus began to preach... - 4:17
 - Jesus began to explain... -16:21

Christ's Mission

- explain to his disciples
 - that he must
 - "it is necessary"
- God's plan

Christ's Mission

- go to Jerusalem
- suffer many things
- be killed
- be raised

Christ's Mission

- it is necessary
 - Sin and death ruled over mankind.
- Jesus' earthly ministry was about overturning the consequences of sin.

Christ's Mission

- it is necessary
 - As he goes to Jerusalem to suffer and die, he will deal the root problem.
- He takes the penalty of our sin on the cross, and he dies in our place.

Christ's Mission

- it is necessary
 - His resurrection is proof that sin and death have been defeated!

Human Expectation

- Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him
 - Never Lord!
 - “Mercy to you, Lord”
- This shall never happen to you!

Human Expectation

- Peter had a different expectation for the Christ.
 - He wanted a triumphant king and was unprepared for a suffering servant.

Human Expectation

- Peter was trying to make Jesus fit into his preconceived ideas, and he wasn't really listening.

God's Plan

- Jesus turned and said to Peter,
 - Get behind me, Satan
- You are a stumbling block to me.

God's Plan

- you do not have in mind
 - the things of God
 - but the things of man

God's Plan

- We often make our own plans for God based on what seems good to us.
- We have expectations based on our limited perspective and understanding.

God's Plan

- God sees things for how they really are, and he has plans to set things right.
- His plans go beyond human ways of thinking and often involve going deeper than we're willing to go.

The Way of Jesus

- Jesus understood and willingly submitted to the plan of the Father.
- He was not derailed by temptation or people's expectations.
- In his obedience, he overcame sin and death.