

BIG PICTURE!

Luke 18:31-34 (NIV)

³¹ Jesus took the Twelve aside and told them, "We are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled.

³² He will be handed over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, insult him, spit on him, flog him and kill him.

³³ On the third day he will rise again."

³⁴ The disciples did not understand any of this. Its meaning was hidden from them, and they did not know what he was talking about.

NO SURPRISES!

A. Disciples Prepared! Luke 18:31a

- Jesus clearly tells them what is coming!
- There is purpose in what is coming!
- It will be a complete surprise to them!



B. Determined Path! Luke 18:31b

- All of the events about to happen God's Word had declared!
- God's Will will be done!
- The path was both determined ahead of time, and was full of purpose!

NECESSARY SOLUTION!

A. Difficult Problem! Luke 18:32-33a

- This is not what they expected!
- How could God possibly allow this?

B. Deliverance Promised! Luke 18:33b

- Jesus states clearly that He will rise again on the 3rd day!
- God was always in control!
- Even if they don't see the purpose now, they will later!





C. Disciples Paralyzed! Luke 18:34

- Their failure to trust God's plan and His Word will cost them peace, security, understanding!
- This is true with us today if we fail to trust even when we don't understand!

James 1:2-4 (NIV)

² *Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds,*
³ *because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance.*
⁴ *Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.*