

implications for the Person of Jesus. If he was good and if only God was good, as all rabbinic teaching agreed...then the ruler was saying something important about him. So far from repudiating the deity of Jesus as some hold, the question seems to invite the young man to reflect on it."¹⁴⁹

Mark 10:32-34; Matthew 20:17-19; Luke 18:31-34

"The Son of Man Will be Killed by Sinners"

"They were on the road going up to Jerusalem, and Yeshua was walking on ahead of them; and they were amazed, and those who followed were fearful. And again He took the twelve aside and began to tell them what was going to happen to Him, *saying*, 'Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and will hand Him over to the Gentiles. They will mock Him and spit on Him, and scourge Him and kill Him, and three days later He will rise again'" (Mark 10:32-34).

"As Yeshua was about to go up to Jerusalem, He took the twelve *disciples* aside by themselves, and on the way He said to them, 'Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of Man will be delivered to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn Him to death, and will hand Him over to the Gentiles to mock and scourge and crucify Him, and on the third day He will be raised up'" (Matthew 20:17-19).

"Then He took the twelve aside and said to them, 'Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all things which are written through the prophets about the Son of Man will be accomplished. For He will be handed over to the Gentiles, and will be mocked and mistreated and spit upon, and after they have scourged Him, they will kill Him; and the third day He will rise again.' But the disciples understood none of these things, and *the meaning of this statement was hidden from them, and they did not comprehend the things that were said*" (Luke 18:31-34).

There were multiple times that Yeshua the Messiah told His Disciples that He would be tried and executed, but later resurrected from the dead:

- "'We are now going up to Jerusalem,' he said, 'as you can see. And the Son of Man will be betrayed into the power of the chief priests and scribes. They are going to condemn him to death and hand him over to pagans who will jeer at him and spit at him and flog him and kill him. But after three days he will rise again'" (Mark 10:33-34, Phillips New Testament).
- "Listen, we are now going up to Jerusalem and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes and they will condemn him to death. They will hand him over to the heathen to ridicule and flog and crucify. And on the third day he will be raised again!" (Matthew 20:18-19, Phillips New Testament).
- "Listen to me. We are now going up to Jerusalem and everything that has been written by the prophets about the Son of Man will come true. For he will be handed over to the heathen, and he is going to be jeered at and insulted and spat upon, and then they will flog him and kill him. But he will rise again on the third day" (Luke 18:31-33, Phillips New Testament).

The Disciples did not know what to do with their Master telling them that He was going to be betrayed to death (Luke 18:34). As people today, who affirm Yeshua to be the Messiah and Savior, we take for granted the position of those who initially walked with Him, and some of

¹⁴⁹ Morris, *Luke*, 292.

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the emotional reasonings they must have experienced, in hearing that their Rabbi and Teacher was going to be executed at the hands of the Jewish religious leaders and the Romans. Instead, we benefit from an assurance that Yeshua is the Messiah, and that He did indeed rise from the dead.

Similar to previous passages where Yeshua has told His Disciples that He was to die and be resurrected from the dead (such as the previously addressed Mark 9:30-32; Matthew 17:22-23; Luke 9:43-45), Yeshua identifies Himself in Mark 10:33; Matthew 20:18; and Luke 18:31 via the significant title of “Son of Man.” Yeshua could have said in this dialogue that “your Lord will be handed over” or “the Messiah will be betrayed,” both of which would have been significant enough to highlight the importance and gravity of Yeshua’s sacrifice. But Yeshua invoking the Danielic title of “Son of Man,” as Daniel 7:9-14¹⁵⁰ describes Him as a figure brought before the Ancient of Days, who will be given an everlasting Kingdom and to whom the whole Creation must worship, only intensifies the severity of Yeshua as the Divine Messiah—willfully being humiliated, and providing us with indeed a very precious gift of salvation.

Mark 11:15-19; Matthew 21:12-16; Luke 19:45-48 **“Yeshua is Praised as the Son of David”**

“Then they came to Jerusalem. And He entered the temple and began to drive out those who were buying and selling in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves; and He would not permit anyone to carry merchandise through the temple. And He began to teach and say to them, ‘Is it not written, “MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL THE NATIONS”? But you have made it a ROBBERS’ DEN [Isaiah 56:7; Jeremiah 7:11].’ The chief priests and the scribes heard this, and began seeking how to destroy Him; for they were afraid of Him, for the whole crowd was astonished at His teaching. When evening came, they would go out of the city” (Mark 11:15-19).

“And Yeshua entered the temple and drove out all those who were buying and selling in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves. And He said to them, ‘It is written, “MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER”; but you are making it a ROBBERS’ DEN [Isaiah 56:7; Jeremiah 7:11].’ And the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them. But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that He had done, and the children who were shouting in the temple, ‘Hosanna to the Son of David,’ they became indignant and said to Him, ‘Do You hear what these children are saying?’ And Yeshua said to them, ‘Yes; have you never read, “OUT OF THE MOUTH OF INFANTS AND NURSING BABIES YOU HAVE PREPARED PRAISE FOR YOURSELF” [Psalm 8:3, LXX]?’ (Matthew 21:12-16).

“Yeshua entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling, saying to them, ‘It is written, “AND MY HOUSE SHALL BE A HOUSE OF PRAYER,” but you have made it a ROBBERS’

¹⁵⁰ “As I looked, ‘thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and the books were opened. Then I continued to watch because of the boastful words the horn was speaking. I kept looking until the beast was slain and its body destroyed and thrown into the blazing fire. (The other beasts had been stripped of their authority, but were allowed to live for a period of time.) In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed” (Daniel 7:9-14, NIV).