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And he said, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.”

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“This was the turning point in Jesus’ instructions to the disciples. From then on He began teaching clearly and specifically what they could expect, so that they would not be surprised when it happened. He explained that He would now be the conquering Messiah because He first had to suffer, die, and rise again. But one day He would return in great glory to set up His eternal kingdom.”

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Isaiah 53:3-5

3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

**4 Surely he took up our infirmities
and carried our sorrows, yet we
considered him stricken by God,
smitten by him, and afflicted. 5**

**But he was pierced for our
transgressions, he was crushed for
our iniquities; the punishment that
brought us peace was upon him,
and by his wounds we are healed.**

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Luke 9:23-24

23 Then he said to them all: “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. **24**

For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it.

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“This is much more radical than simply a denial of certain things. This mandates a rejection of a life based on self-interest and self-fulfillment. Instead a disciple is to be one who seeks to fulfill the will and the teachings of Christ.”

“To follow Jesus requires self-denial, complete dedication, and willing obedience. Luke emphasizes continual action, and “daily” is not mentioned explicitly in the parallel accounts in [Matthew and Mark]. Disciples from Galilee knew what the cross meant, for hundreds of men had been executed by this means in their region.”

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James 1:2-4

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

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1 Peter 4:12-13

12 Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. **13** But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.

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2 Timothy 2:11-13

11 Here is a trustworthy saying: If we died with him, we will also live with him; **12** if we endure, we will also reign with him. If we disown him, he will also disown us; **13** if we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself.

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Romans 5:3-5

3 Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; **4** perseverance, character; and character, hope. **5** And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, which he has given us.

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Luke 9:25-26

25 What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his very self? **26** If anyone is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.

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Daniel 7:13-14

13 “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.

14 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.

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Luke 9:27

“Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God.”

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“This [v.27] statement refers to the Transfiguration, which immediately follows in Luke’s narrative. The disciples are given a glimpse of the coming kingdom through the manifestation of Jesus’ glory on the mountain.”

Applications

- **We must deny ourselves**
- **We must take up our cross daily**
- **We must follow Him, no matter what**

Final Thoughts

“Salvation consists of following him (9:23), of losing or surrendering one’s life to him (9:24), of not being ashamed of him or his teachings (9:26). The “totalitarian” nature of this claim must not be overlooked.”

Final Thoughts

“For Luke (as for all the NT writers) life, death, heaven, hell, salvation, judgment, justification, and damnation are all determined by one’s attitude toward Jesus. Jesus is unlike all others in that the destiny of this world and the ultimate fate of all humanity revolves around him.”

Final Thoughts

“Consider this: Do you think of your relationship with God primarily in terms of what’s in it for you, or in terms of what you can do for Him? Are you willing to deny yourself, take up your cross daily, and follow Him? Anything less is not discipleship; it is superficial lip service.”

Final Thoughts

Matthew 7:21-23

21 “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

22 Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’ **23** Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’

Final Thoughts

John 16:33

“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace.

In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”