

# Why Jesus Came

Sermon 57 in the Matthew Series

## Matthew 20:17-20, 28

### I. Information from Mark's Parallel Account – Mark 10:32-34

The disciples were amazed and afraid

The atmosphere was tense.

There was fear in the air.

### II. The Prediction and Its Amazing Accuracy

This is the third time in Matthew's gospel, Christ forewarns his disciples

1. We are going to Jerusalem
2. The Son of Man will be betrayed to his enemies – the Sanhedrin
3. They will condemn him to death
4. They will deliver him to the Gentiles
5. Christ will be mocked and scourged (Mark adds spit upon)
6. Christ will be crucified
7. AFTER THREE DAYS HE WILL RISE AGAIN!

### III. His Death is for the Many v. 28

“The many”

Christ is making an allusion to the OT sacrificial system.

The High Priest carried on his breastplate the names of the twelve tribes of Israel.

He wasn't going in to make atonement everyone in the world.

He was going in to make atonement for his people.

“The Many” comes from **Isaiah 53:11-12**

Jesus is the Servant of Jehovah that is found in Isaiah.

Jesus is the Suffering Servant of Isaiah 53.

### IV. The Sovereignty of God in Opening and Closing Eyes

Luke 18:34 -- But they understood none of these things; this saying was hidden from them, and they did not know the things which were spoken.

1. God exerts upon His own elect a quickening influence or power.

- In the new birth – God brings us from death unto life (John 5:24)
- He imparts to us His own nature (2 Peter 1:4)
- He delivers us from the power of darkness and translates us into the kingdom of His dear Son (Col. 1:13)
- We could not do this ourselves for we were "without strength" (Rom. 5:6)
- hence it is written "we are HIS WORKMANSHIP created in Christ Jesus for good works (Eph. 2:10)

2. God exerts upon His own elect an energizing influence or power.

- Ephesians 1:15-21** (18 – eyes of understanding being enlightened)
- Ephesians 3:14-19** (16 – be strengthened)

3. God exerts upon His own elect a directing influence or power.

We can read in the OT how God directed His people out of Egypt and through the wilderness.

In our account in the gospels, Christ was in complete control of the situation.

It is true that there was a heaviness about Him that the disciples could feel

- There was a holy and awesome solemnity to what was going to take place.
- From eternity past Christ had anticipated this moment.

4. God directs upon His own elect a preserving influence or power.

Ps 97:10 – *He preserves the souls of His saints; He delivers them out of the hand of the wicked.*

Ps 37:28 -- *For the LORD loves justice, And does not forsake His saints;  
They are preserved forever, But the descendants of the wicked shall be cut off.*

Ps 145:20 -- *The LORD preserves all who love Him, But all the wicked He will destroy.*

**1 Peter 1:3-12**