

Luke 18:33

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they shall scourge him, and put him to death: and the third day he shall rise again.

Analysis

They shall scourge him, and put him to death (μαστιγώσαντες ἀποκτεινοῦσιν, mastigōsantes apoktenousin)—Mastigoō refers to the Roman flagellum, a whip embedded with bone and metal designed to flay flesh. Scourging often killed victims before crucifixion. Apokteinō (to kill) is blunt—Jesus doesn't euphemize His death.

And the third day he shall rise again (τῇ ἡμέρᾳ τῇ τρίτῃ ἀναστήσεται, tē hēmera tē tritē anastēsetai)—the resurrection isn't an afterthought but the climax. Anistēmi (to rise, stand up) in the future middle voice suggests Jesus will raise Himself (cf. John 10:18: 'I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again'). The 'third day' fulfills Hosea 6:2 ('After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up') and establishes Christianity's central claim: death is not defeat but the doorway to victory.

Historical Context

The third-day timeline distinguishes Jesus's resurrection from resuscitation. In Jewish thought, the soul lingered near the body for three days; after that, decay set in (John 11:39). Jesus's resurrection on the third day proves genuine death occurred, making His return to life irrefutable miracle, not near-death recovery.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. Why is the resurrection essential to Christian faith, and what would be lost if Jesus only died nobly?
2. How does Jesus's prediction of resurrection demonstrate His authority over death itself?
3. What comfort does the 'third day' pattern offer believers facing 'death'—whether literal or metaphorical darkness?

Interlinear Text

καὶ μαστιγώσαντες ἀποκτενοῦσιν αὐτόν καὶ τῇ ἡμέρᾳ
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Additional Cross-References

Luke 24:7 (Resurrection): Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.

Matthew 16:21 (Resurrection): From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.

Matthew 27:63 (Resurrection): Saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again.

Luke 24:21 (Parallel theme): But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, to day is the third day since these things were done.

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