

Luke 24:46

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:

Analysis

The necessity of suffering and resurrection: 'And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day.' Jesus declares: 'Thus it is written' (οὕτως γέγραπται, houtōs gegraptai)—Scripture prophesied these events. The content: 'it behoved Christ to suffer' (παθεῖν τὸν Χριστὸν, pathein ton Christon)—the Messiah must suffer. The word 'behoved' implies divine necessity. Then: 'to rise from the dead the third day' (ἀναστῆναι ἐκ νεκρῶν τῇ τρίτῃ ἡμέρᾳ, anastēnai ek nekrōn tē tritē hēmera). Both suffering and resurrection were prophesied and necessary. This corrects Jewish expectation of conquering Messiah—glory comes through suffering, exaltation through humiliation, life through death.

Historical Context

Isaiah 53 prophesied the suffering servant who would bear sin and be vindicated. Psalm 16:10 predicted resurrection ('thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption'—quoted in Acts 2:27, 13:35). Hosea 6:2 mentions rising 'on the third day.' Jesus' claim isn't arbitrary but rooted in Scripture. The early church's central message was Christ's death and resurrection according to Scripture (1 Corinthians 15:3-4). Apostolic preaching consistently argued from Old Testament that Messiah must suffer and rise (Acts 17:2-3, 26:22-23). This demonstrates Christianity's Jewish roots and Scripture's unity. New Testament gospel fulfills Old Testament anticipation.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. What Old Testament passages prophesy Messiah's suffering and resurrection?
2. Why was suffering a necessary prerequisite for Messiah's glory?
3. How does Jesus' interpretation of Scripture correct Jewish messianic expectations?

Interlinear Text

καὶ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς ὅτι οὕτως γέγραπται καὶ οὕτως
And said unto them Thus thus it is written And thus
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ἔδει παθεῖν τὸν Χριστὸν καὶ ἀναστῆναι ἐκ νεκρῶν
it behoved to suffer Christ And to rise from the dead
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τῇ τρίτῃ ἡμέρᾳ
the third day
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Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 50:6 (Parallel theme): I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting.

Luke 24:44 (Parallel theme): And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.

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.

Acts 17:3 (Resurrection): Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ.