

Mark 10:34

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they shall mock him, and shall scourge him, and shall spit upon him, and shall kill him: and the third day he shall rise again.

Analysis

Jesus continued describing His passion: 'they shall mock him, and shall scourge him, and shall spit upon him, and shall kill him: and the third day he shall rise again' (ἐμπαΐξουσιν αὐτῷ καὶ μαστιγώσουσιν αὐτόν καὶ ἐμπτύσουσιν αὐτῷ καὶ ἀποκτενοῦσιν αὐτόν, καὶ μετὰ τρεῖς ἡμέρας ἀναστήσεται). The verbs describe extreme humiliation: mocking (empaizō, ἐμπαίζω), scourging (mastigoō, μαστιγώσουσιν, Roman flagellation tearing flesh), spitting (emptyō, ἐμπτύσουσιν, supreme insult), killing (apokteinō, ἀποκτενοῦσιν). All occurred exactly as Jesus predicted (Mark 14:65; 15:15-20). Yet Jesus emphasizes resurrection—'the third day he shall rise again' (anastēsetai, ἀναστήσεται). Suffering doesn't end the story; vindication follows. This pattern—suffering then glory—characterizes Jesus' path and ours (Romans 8:17; 2 Timothy 2:11-12; 1 Peter 4:13).

Historical Context

Every detail Jesus predicted occurred: Jewish leaders mocked Him in trial (Mark 14:65), Roman soldiers mocked Him before crucifixion (Mark 15:16-20), He was scourged (Mark 15:15), spat upon (Mark 14:65; 15:19), and crucified (Mark 15:24). Roman scourging used leather whips embedded with bone/metal, tearing flesh—victims often died from this alone. Crucifixion was Rome's cruelest execution, reserved for slaves and rebels. Jesus endured maximum human cruelty and divine wrath (Mark 15:34). Yet the prediction ends with resurrection—divine vindication proving Jesus' identity and accomplishing salvation. Early Christian

preaching centered on fulfilled prophecy: Jesus predicted death and resurrection, it occurred, validating His claims (Acts 2:22-36; 1 Corinthians 15:3-8).

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How does Jesus' detailed prediction of suffering demonstrate His voluntary submission to the Father's redemptive plan?
2. What does the pattern of suffering followed by resurrection teach about Christian hope amid present trials?

Interlinear Text

καὶ ἐμπαίξουσιν αὐτὸν, καὶ μαστιγώσουσιν αὐτὸν, καὶ
And **they shall mock** **him** **And** **shall scourge** **him** **And**
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ἐμπτύσουσιν αὐτὸν, καὶ ἀποκτενοῦσιν αὐτὸν, καὶ τῇ
shall spit upon **him** **And** **shall kill** **him** **And** G3588
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τρίτῃ ἡμέρᾳ ἀναστήσεται
the third **day** **he shall rise again**
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Additional Cross-References

Mark 14:65 (Parallel theme): And some began to spit on him, and to cover his face, and to buffet him, and to say unto him, Prophecy: and the servants did strike him with the palms of their hands.

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 26:67 (Parallel theme): Then did they spit in his face, and buffeted him; and others smote him with the palms of their hands,

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.

Isaiah 53:3 (Parallel theme): He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Psalms 16:10 (Parallel theme): For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

Mark 14:63 (Parallel theme): Then the high priest rent his clothes, and saith, What need we any further witnesses?

1 Corinthians 15:4 (Parallel theme): And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

John 1:17 (Parallel theme): For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

John 2:10 (Parallel theme): And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now.