

# Mark 8:31

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

## Analysis

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He began teach them Son of man must suffer many things rejected elders chief priests scribes killed after three days rise. First Passion prediction. Must dei divine necessity. Suffer pathēin experience pain rejection. Many things polla extensive. Rejected apodokimasthenai examined failed. By religious leaders establishment. Killed apokten ōi executed. After three days meta treis hēmeras. Rise anastēnai resurrection. Redefines messianic expectations. Suffering precedes glory. Cross before crown. Peter rebukes Jesus (v. 32) demonstrates disciples did not understand. Reformed theology emphasizes Christ substitutionary atonement necessary for salvation.

## Historical Context

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Jewish messianic expectation was conquering warrior king. Suffering Servant Isaiah 53 not connected to Messiah by most Jews. Jesus combines Daniel 7 Son of man with Isaiah 53 Suffering Servant. Disciples struggle understanding. Three Passion predictions Mark 8:31 9:31 10:33-34 progressively detailed. After resurrection disciples understood. Early church proclaimed crucified Messiah stumbling block to Jews foolishness to Greeks (1 Cor 1:23). But God power God wisdom to believers.

## Related Passages

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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. Why was suffering Messiah stumbling block to Jewish expectations how does this challenge our expectations of God?
2. What does divine necessity (must suffer) teach about God plan of salvation through cross?

## Interlinear Text

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καὶ	ἤρξατο	διδάσκειν	αὐτοὺς	ὅτι	δεῖ	τὸν	υἱὸν	τοῦ
And	he began	to teach	them	that	must	G3588	the Son	G3588
G2532	G756	G1321	G846	G3754	G1163		G5207	
ἀνθρώπου	πολλὰ	παθεῖν	καὶ	ἀποδοκιμασθῆναι	ἀπὸ			
of man	many things	suffer	And	be rejected	of			
G444	G4183	G3958	G2532	G593	G575			
τῶν	πρεσβυτέρων	καὶ	ἀρχιερέων	καὶ	γραμματέων	καὶ		
G3588	the elders	And	of the chief priests	And	scribes	And		
	G4245	G2532	G749	G2532	G1122	G2532		
ἀποκτανθῆναι	καὶ	μετὰ	τρεῖς	ἡμέρας	ἀναστῆναι·			
be killed	And	after	three	days	rise again			
G615	G2532	G3326	G5140	G2250	G450			

## Additional Cross-References

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**Acts 7:35** (Parallel theme): This Moses whom they refused, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge? the same did God send to be a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the angel which appeared to him in the bush.

**John 2:19** (Resurrection): Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.

**Luke 24:26** (Parallel theme): Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?

**Mark 12:10** (Parallel theme): And have ye not read this scripture; The stone which the builders rejected is become the head of the corner:

**Matthew 12:40** (Parallel theme): For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

**Matthew 21:42** (Parallel theme): Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?

**Luke 17:25** (Parallel theme): But first must he suffer many things, and be rejected of this generation.

**Hosea 6:2** (Resurrection): After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.