

March 7, 2021 - God So Loved

John 3:16 - "For God so loved the world..."

Mark 10:32-34; (parallels) Matthew 20:17-19; Luke 18:31-34

In all 3 accounts, Jesus states, "We are going up to Jerusalem."

- Mark tells us that Jesus was leading the way.
- Luke 9:51

Jesus was absolutely determined to get to Jerusalem to carry out the Father's will.

- Matthew specifies that Jesus would be crucified.

- Luke makes it clear that what was to happen to Jesus was foretold by the prophets.

Jesus told the apostles on at least four different occasions what was going to happen.

- In our text, Mark 10:32-34.
- Mark 8:31
- Mark 9:30-32
- Matthew 26:31-32

They couldn't understand it; they couldn't comprehend it; they couldn't believe it.

They didn't understand that Jesus was so set on getting there because... "God **SO** loved the world."

John hadn't written those words yet because God's love hadn't been so clearly and plainly demonstrated yet.

- Romans 5:8

Jesus **KNEW** the desperate situation that all mankind is in because of our sin against God.

Jesus **KNEW** how very passionate God the Father and He Himself were in wanting us to be able to join them in Heaven.

Jesus **KNEW** how very deadly our sin is and that there was only ONE way to deal with it for good - His own sacrifice.

Jesus knew these things, He was and is "God so loved"...

...and that's why His *agape* compelled Him to be absolutely resolute to get to Jerusalem to sacrifice His life for us.

May we be resolutely determined to live our lives for Him.