

Jesus Is Delivered for Me
Luke 9:43b-45

Last week we saw how the disciples walked with Jesus in a dark valley of demonic oppression, the very day after Peter, James and John were with Jesus on the mountain of glory (Mount of Transfiguration). We saw Jesus as God of the mountains and the valleys in our lives. All were amazed (e.g. "filled with wonder") and "while they were marveling" (v. 43), Jesus said something very important to His disciples. "Let these words sink into your ears" (v. 44) - Literally, "Let me lay this into your ear" - let it sit and sink.

"The Son of Man **is going to be delivered** into the hands of men"

"Going to be" (Gk. *mellei*) literally means "in a few months." Jesus' trial and death is six months away. "Delivered" (Gk. *paradidōmi*) means "handed over." It's a technical term for a criminal, *handed over for punishment or for judgement* (e.g. execution). It's a familiar term in the gospels regarding Jesus Christ. "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men and they will kill Him" (Matthew 17:22). The disciples couldn't understand this because they'd just seen *His power* and were marveling at Him!

I. The Son of Man's ways are not our ways; nor are His thoughts our thoughts.

The One with "All authority in heaven and in earth" would "be delivered" over to men in order to die. The Creator of the Universe who formed you, the Messiah Himself, would die? Yes. Jesus came to "fulfill the Law" as God's Lamb who takes away the sin of the world, to experience our death for us. But the Jews anticipated a Messiah who would defeat their enemies, destroy death, and reign now! It just didn't compute. This is why Jesus said to His disciples, "Let these words sink into your ears."

"I will meditate on Your instructions; I will examine Your teachings. I will take pleasure in Your laws; Your commands I will not forget (Psalm 119:15-16 GNT).

II. The Son of Man is "handed over" to death for you and for me.

I have an important question to ask. Who is "handing over" Jesus to die for us? The way a person answers this question will determine how much that person is able to rest in God's eternal love. The disciples expected a Kingdom and to reign with the Messiah; but first there must be a cross.

- A. Some say Judas (Matt. 26:24) - "Woe to the man by whom the Son of Man is delivered."
- B. Some say the Jews (Acts 3:13) - "The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers has glorified His servant Jesus, the one whom you delivered up to Pilate" said Peter to the Jews.
- C. Some say Pilate (Matt. 27:26) - "Pilate **delivered** Jesus to be crucified."
- D. The true Deliverer is God (Acts 2:23) - "This man, Jesus, **delivered up by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God**, you nailed to a cross." This is the amazing irony in the Christian faith. "If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not spare His own Son but delivered Him up for us all, will He not with Him freely give us all things? (Romans 8: 32). God delivered His Son for us. Let this sit in your ear; let it sink into your mind; let it saturate your heart; let this save your soul.

III. The Son of Man will often conceal the future for the sake of mercy.

It was concealed from them, *parakaluptō*, by Divine action. The Lord Jesus held it back from them. They couldn't quite grasp it but we discover at the end of v. 45 that they "were afraid to ask Him." They didn't want any more information and He didn't give them any more. One of Jesus' mercies to us is refusing to reveal our futures. Everybody's end involves pains and sadness; it's called death. *The greatest euphoria in life is to realize the Son of Man was delivered for me to live life eternally.*