

Awaiting the Messiah

Luke 18:31-34

Introduction

1. The place: Jerusalem (Lk.18:31a)

1. Jerusalem is central to the history of the Bible

2. The OT and Jerusalem

1. Jerusalem: The capital of Israel with David its king (2Sam.5:5-12)

2. Jerusalem was the centre of Israel's religious history (2Sam.6:14-15; Ps.2:6)

1. David brought the "Ark of the Covenant" to Jerusalem (2Sam.6:14-15)

2. God chose Jerusalem as His holy city (1Kgs.11:36; Ps.2:6)

3. Solomon built the temple in Jerusalem (1Kgs.6)

4. Jerusalem the city of David, was also the city of God and its temple the place where God dwelt (Ps.135:21; 48:2-3; Is.4:5; 8:18)

5. Prophesied that the Messiah would come to Jerusalem (Zech.9:9)

6. OT Prophecy/prediction: God would come in the flesh to the temple in Jerusalem (Mal.3:1)

7. OT Prophecy/prediction: The Holy Spirit would be poured out in Jerusalem (Joel.2:28-32)

3. The locality of Jesus' final mission (Lk.18:31)

2. The timing of Jesus visit to Jerusalem (Lk.18:31; 9:51)

1. It was the time of the Passover which every Jew would celebrate annually

2. The specific nature of Jesus' mission at the time of the Passover

1. Note the nature of Jesus' mission (Lk.9:51,30-31)

2. Note Jesus' commitment to His mission (Lk.9:51)

3. The Person of the "Son of Man" (Lk.18:31)

1. The term, "Son of Man" (18:31)

1. The term "Son of Man" may refer to an ordinary human being, or mankind in general (Ezek.2:1; Ps.8:4)

1. Ezekiel's Call (Ezek.2:1)

2. Psalm 8:3-4

2. God (Dan.7:13-14; Mk.2:10,28; Matt.26:64)

1. It is the **Son of Man** who forgives sin (Mk.2:10);
2. Who is, Lord of the Sabbath (Mk.2:28)
3. It is the **Son of Man** who sits at the right hand of God in heaven (Matt.26:64)

2. The mission to be fulfilled by the “Son of Man” (Lk.18:31)

1. The principle of OT promise and NT fulfillment (Lk.18:31)
2. Jesus taught His disciples that He was the focus and fulfillment, of the whole of the OT—the climax of God’s revelation (Lk.24:25-27, 44-46)

4. The Work of the “Son of Man” (Lk.18:32-33)

1. Notice that what Jesus predicted about Himself was perfectly fulfilled (Lk.18:32-33; Mk.10:33-34)

2. Notice the essential message of the Bible

1. There is something morally wrong with every human being (Jn.3:19-20)

1. We do not have to be taught to sin, it comes naturally.
2. By nature we see the sin in others, but we find it difficult to admit sin in our own lives
3. We comfort ourselves in our moral failures by regarding ourselves as better than many others
4. We protect ourselves from the consequences of sin, by claiming that there is either:
 1. No God (Atheistic evolution) (Therefore there cannot be any absolute right or wrong and eternal judgment)
 2. We recreate God in our own image, rather than our being made in His image

2. The Objective revelation of the nature of God in the Bible states that God alone is holy, and that every human being is by nature sinful, and under the eternal judgment of God

3. The Bible as history, speaks of a coming Saviour in the OT, and that Jesus is that promised Saviour (Is.53:5-6; Mk.10:45)

1. We are sinners
2. Our sin deserves eternal death
3. God has supplied a substitute—One who takes our place, and takes the punishment that we deserve upon Himself
4. The outcome? We by believing in the Christ (His Person and work), are united in a perfect relationship with God (peace with God)
5. That this salvation is all accomplished by God alone—we cannot make any personal contribution to our salvation through our own works.

Conclusion