

The Plan > Luke 18:31-34

18:31 Christ's plan is unfolding exactly as He had determined: the journey to Jerusalem is the first indicator that all which Christ has spoken of previously – and all that the prophets had prophesied – is about to take place.

18:32-33 Unlike the earlier mentions of Christ's suffering, this is the first time in Luke that events are spelled out in such detail: Jesus will be handed over to the Gentiles (the Roman authorities, in this case), He will be mocked, shamefully treated, and spit upon. Even more horribly, Christ will then be flogged and killed. Yet, the good news comes at the end: He shall also rise on the third day.

18:34 Though having lived alongside Christ, walked and talked with Him, the disciples still do not fully understand what His words mean at this point. Understanding would only come later – after Christ's resurrection and ascension.

Context: Previously, Christ had alluded to His coming sacrifice, becoming more clear and specific in **Luke 9:21-22** and **9:43-45**. This has always been His plan, though it's one that the disciples just couldn't imagine.

Aim: Luke wants everyone who reads his book to see that all which Jesus – and the prophets – had spoken beforehand is exactly what happened. This leads to us to trust and to faith.

Gospel: Though terrible to our eyes, the plan ends up bringing about the salvation of all who trust in Jesus Christ.

Applications: Will you trust Christ's plan more than your own? Will you embrace His solution to your sin?

Here is how I will apply these truths: _____
