

# He Must Go to Jerusalem

Palm Sunday, 2024

*Matthew 16:21-27*

Jesus had to go to Jerusalem.

## **Matthew 16:21**

*From then on Jesus began to point out to his disciples that it was necessary for him to go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders, chief priests, and scribes, be killed, and be raised the third day.*

What are three reasons Jesus had to go to Jerusalem on Palm Sunday?

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Why did Jesus have to die?

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## **Matthew 16:22–23**

*Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, “Oh no, Lord! This will never happen to you!” Jesus turned and told Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me because you’re not thinking about God’s concerns but human concerns.”*

Why does God’s will often not align with what we see as best?

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Everyone goes to Jerusalem.

How does suffering benefit us?

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## **Romans 5:3–5**

*And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, because we know that affliction produces endurance, endurance produces proven character, and proven character produces hope. This hope will not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.*

How is Jesus's death and resurrection reflected in our renewal (new life)?

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**Romans 6:3–4**

*Or are you unaware that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too may walk in newness of life.*

What is God's will for followers of Jesus?

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**Romans 12:2**

*Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.*

You must go to Jerusalem.

**Matthew 16:24–27**

*Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone wants to follow after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life because of me will find it. For what will it benefit someone if he gains the whole world yet loses his life? Or what will anyone give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will reward each according to what he has done."*

What does it mean to deny yourself?

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How do we follow Jesus in his death?

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What is the reward for following Jesus?

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