

Jesus' Third Prediction of His Death

Here is a comparison of Jesus' three predictions of His death in the Synoptic Gospels and how each element came true in the actual Passion narrative.

Overview of the Three Predictions

#	Gospel References	Setting	Audience	Key Points
①	Matt 16:21-23 Mark 8:31-33 Luke 9:22	After Peter's confession in Caesarea Philippi	Disciples	Jesus will suffer, be rejected, killed, and raised on the third day
②	Matt 17:22-23 Mark 9:30-32 Luke 9:43-45	After the Transfiguration	Disciples	Jesus will be delivered into human hands, killed, and raised
③	Matt 20:17-19 Mark 10:32-34 Luke 18:31-34	On the road to Jerusalem	The Twelve	Jesus will be betrayed, condemned, mocked, flogged, killed, and rise again

Breakdown of Jesus' Predictions

Element	Prediction 1	Prediction 2	Prediction 3
Location mentioned	✗	✗	✓ "Jerusalem"
Betrayal	✗	✓ "delivered into human hands"	✓ "betrayed to chief priests and scribes"
Religious trial	✓ "elders, chief priests, scribes"	✗	✓ "condemned to death"
Gentile involvement	✗	✗	✓ "handed over to Gentiles"
Mocking, flogging, spitting	✗	✗	✓ "mocked, flogged, and crucified"
Death	✓	✓	✓
Resurrection	✓ "on the third day"	✓	✓

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Fulfillment in the Passion Narrative

Fulfilled Element	Scripture Fulfillment
Suffered	Matthew 26:67; 27:27-31
Betrayed	Matthew 26:14-16, 47-50 (by Judas)
Condemned by Jewish leaders	Matthew 26:57-66
Handed over to Gentiles	Matthew 27:1-2
Mocked	Matthew 27:27-31
Flogged/Scourged	Matthew 27:26
Spat upon	Matthew 26:67; 27:30
Crucified	Matthew 27:35
Died	Matthew 27:50
Resurrected	Matthew 28:5-6

Observations

- Jesus' predictions became increasingly detailed with each telling.
- The third prediction includes explicit mention of **Jerusalem**, **Gentiles**, and specific abuse.
- The disciples failed to understand or accept these predictions each time (see especially Luke 18:34).

Summary Comparison Table

Element	Predicted in Advance	Fulfilled in Passion
Betrayal by a close one	✓ (2nd & 3rd)	✓ (Judas)
Trial by Jewish leaders	✓ (1st & 3rd)	✓ (Sanhedrin)
Condemned to death	✓ (1st & 3rd)	✓
Delivered to Gentiles	✓ (3rd)	✓ (Pilate/Romans)
Mocking & Beating	✓ (3rd)	✓
Flogging	✓ (3rd)	✓
Crucifixion	✓ (3rd - Matthew)	✓
Resurrection on 3rd day	✓ (all)	✓