

## He Made It Happen!

Mark 10:32-34  
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Here in this passage we find Jesus predicting, for the third time, His death and resurrection. They were on the road up to Jerusalem, Jesus leading the way. As the disciples followed behind, they were both amazed and afraid. Amazed that he would so resolutely journey into Jerusalem and afraid because of what awaited there. Jesus explained beginning in verse 33. Listen. "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles; and they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again."

Such an ominous prediction, no doubt, weighed more heavily upon them as they drew nearer to the city. I believe they accepted His words at face value. They knew the Lord as One who always spoke the truth with authority. Later, however, in the midst of the very things He foretold, it appears they either forgot or belief didn't run deeply enough to see them through the rough spots. In any case, now they are made afraid by the thought and are amazed at His courage.

His prediction was definite. And it was specific. In very few words He told them not only what was going to happen, but where, who, how, and what the conclusion would be. Every detail came true just as the Lord predicted. He was betrayed in Jerusalem and given over to chief priests and scribes, the religious leaders of the day and those who professed allegiance to the God whose Son they judged. They condemned that Son to death though normally they had no power to administer the death penalty. Once condemned He was delivered to the Romans - Gentiles. He was mocked, spit upon, and worse before their evil sport ended in cruel death by crucifixion. Then, miracle of miracles, He rose from the dead on the third day!

You know, as any new year begins, we hear of predictions by those who claim to read the future. Occasionally we hear that a part of what the prophet predicted comes true. When that happens, of course, the media plays it up, and many are caused to wonder about the power of the seer. But for every modern prediction that comes true, many fail. The fact is, anyone can be right occasionally.

Jesus' prediction was different. He didn't get a part of it right. Every detail was foretold with absolute accuracy. His predictions were not of the type heard today. He did not speak of movie stars that would separate from their spouses, or business tycoons that would lose a fortune. Jesus foretold of death and life beyond human reasoning. He predicted life after death - His own - and made it happen. His prediction was truly divine. To read of it should capture our minds with amazement - and strike our hearts with the fear of God Almighty.