

# The Path to the Cross

Northwest, Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2008

## Introduction

Lk 2:35

Lk 2:41-50

### 1. His Mission Revealed

- a. First prediction, Mk 8:29-38.
- b. Second prediction, Mk 9:31-32, Lk 9:51.
- c. Third prediction, Mk 10:32-34
- d. Other references:
  - i. Mk 9:9-13
  - ii. Mk 10:35-45
  - iii. Mk 12:1-12
  - iv. Matt 26:1-2
  - v. Mk 14:3-9
  - vi. Mk 14:10, 18-20
  - vii. Mk 14:22-25
  - viii. Mk 14:43-50

### 2. His Mission Accepted

Jesus not only knew he was going to die, but that his death would be violent, premature, but purposeful. He knew it was inevitable for three reasons:

- a. Hostility of Jewish national and religious leaders (Mk 3:6)
- b. What was written regarding the Messiah in the scriptures (Mk 14:21). He knew Is 52 & 53 and applied it to himself (Is 53:12/Lk 22:37).
- c. It was his own deliberate choice to die. Motivated by:
  - i. Needs of the lost (Lk 19:10)
  - ii. Desire to set them free (Mk 10:45)

He was not helpless and remained in control of his destiny. He did not take the way out available (Matt 26:54).

## Conclusion

“Despite the great importance of his teaching, his example, and his works of compassion and power, none of these was central to his mission. What dominated his mind was not the living but the giving of his life.” John Stott

This is the one we love, worship and follow.

As he lived to give his life for others, so do we (Mk 10:42-45).

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