

## Luke's Passion Statements

**1<sup>st</sup> Prediction: 9<sup>21</sup>** But He warned them and instructed *them* not to tell this to anyone, <sup>22</sup>saying, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed and be raised up on the third day.” [Luke omits Peter’s rebuke, and Jesus’s “Get behind me, Satan”]

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prediction: 9<sup>43b</sup>** He said to His disciples, <sup>44</sup>“Let these words sink into your ears; for the Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men.” <sup>45</sup>But they did not understand this statement, and it was concealed from them so that they would not perceive it; and they were afraid to ask Him about this statement. (cf. Mk 9:32)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prediction: 18<sup>31</sup>** Then He took the twelve aside and said to them, “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all things which are written through the prophets about the Son of Man will be accomplished (τελεσθήσεται). <sup>32</sup> For He will be handed over to the Gentiles, and will be mocked and mistreated and spit upon, <sup>33</sup> and after they have scourged Him, they will kill Him; and the third day He will rise again.” <sup>34</sup> But the disciples understood none of these things, and the meaning of this statement was hidden from them, and they did not comprehend the things that were said.

**22<sup>36-37</sup>** And He said to them, “But now, whoever has a money belt is to take it along, likewise also a bag, and whoever has no sword is to sell his coat and buy one. <sup>37</sup> For I tell you that this which is written must be fulfilled in Me, ‘And He was numbered with transgressors’; for that which refers to Me has its fulfillment.” γὰρ τὸ περὶ ἐμοῦ τέλος<sup>1</sup> ἔχει.<sup>2</sup>

**24<sup>6</sup>** He is not here, but He has risen. Remember how He spoke to you while He was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> saying that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.”

**24<sup>25</sup>** And He said to them, “O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?” <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.

**24<sup>44</sup>** Now He said to them, “These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup> Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and He said to them, “Thus it is written,<sup>3</sup> that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance for forgiveness of sins<sup>4</sup> would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you;<sup>5</sup> but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

<sup>1</sup> A foreshadowing and specifying of Luke 24; cf. Ro 10:4, Christ is the τέλος of the Law (τέλος γὰρ νόμου Χριστὸς εἰς δικαιοσύνην παντὶ τῷ πιστεύοντι).

<sup>2</sup> Joseph A. Fitzmyer, *The Gospel According to Luke X-XXIV* (AB28a; New York: Doubleday, 1985), 1209, connects Jesus’s statement in 22:37 (*telos*) with 18:31, the third passion prediction: “All that was written by the prophets will see fulfillment.” Fitzmyer points out the divine passive here. “Recall 13:32 and cf. Acts 2:23. Only Luke among the Synoptic evangelists uses the verb *telein* in the sense of ‘fulfill’ (12:50; 22:37; Acts 13:29), and sometimes, as here, of the fulfillment of the prophecies recorded in the OT; Cp. John 19:28, 30; Rev 17:17.”

<sup>3</sup> καὶ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς ὅτι οὕτως γέγραπται (Lk 24:46): the interpreted words of the Risen Christ are here elevated to (rewritten) scripture (“thus it is written”).

<sup>4</sup> Luke’s Risen Christ here anticipates the *kerygma* of Acts.

<sup>5</sup> The pivot from the Gospel of Luke to the Book of Acts, specifically the Pentecost outpouring of the Spirit.