

## Slain from the Foundation of the World

Luke 18:31—Jesus started his final journey to Jerusalem: Luke 9:51, but not before telling them that this time would be different: Luke 9:22; 44-45

--Now, just a few months later, they are still making their way slowly through the towns and villages on their way to Jerusalem, and Jesus reminds them again what is about to happen: Luke 18:31

Everything in all of Scripture is pointed at this—Nothing matters more than this in the entire Bible.

--Everything in the Scriptures is leading up to this or is looking back to this event.

--Why is the Son of God standing on earth as a human being? Teach us good things? He didn't need to do that personally--He did that remotely. Perform miracles? He also had done that remotely.

--Luke 19:10 – Matthew 20:28 – This couldn't be done remotely.

--He can condemn us remotely—in fact, Hell is going to be about the remoteness of God essentially II Thessalonians 1:9

--God's salvation is personal -- salvation isn't religion and it isn't a formula, it is a person Acts 4:12—you have to come to Him personally.

--God judges us impersonally and remotely: II Thessalonians 1:9; II Samuel 23:6-7;

--Matthew 3:12—the lost are kept beyond arms length, but the saved are His and go home with Him.

### 1. God comes to us personally because saving us cannot be done remotely.

--Its not just that He has to be there, like the closing of a deal, to see it through—no, *He is the deal; He is the closing:* Isaiah 53:10; I Corinthians 11:23-24 His hands broke the bread—John 10:17-18

--This is why your salvation is between Him and you—it is personal.

### 2. Saving us was the first thing He scheduled in all of creation.

--We talk about the order of creation: Genesis 1:1, but we often fail include the totality of Scripture in our consideration.

--The Bible is an amazing document—brilliantly designed to deflect hostile attacks—where's the chapter or book on sin, salvation, forgiveness, Jesus, Heaven or Hell?

--God explains His book and how its designed: Isaiah 28:11

--We could lose a portion of Scripture and we lose some of its richness but we do not lose its message because its message is spread out across its entire bandwidth.

--The message of creation is mostly contained in Genesis 1 but it is not only contained in that portion; important notes on that event are scattered across the entire bandwidth.

--Revelation 13:8 – Before God scheduled the heavens and earth, land and sea, light, moon and sun, He scheduled the death of His Son.

--What a title! "Lamb slain before the foundation of the world" God never saw Adam and Eve working out; never saw the sacrificial system working out; never saw the Law as a means of salvation.

--It was always ever Jesus: John 1:29

### 3. Many see His death as a mistake.

--They somehow think that Jesus' death was accidental, a sad misfortune, a miscalculation.

--"He tried to show them the right way, but they killed Him—sadly"?

--Many books written indicating they believed Jesus well-intentioned but naïve and misguided crossing the wrong people which eventually got Him killed.

--I have no idea how you come to conclusions like that and claim to have read the Bible? —it is pure deception; about as deceived as person can be.

--Just say you don't believe it, but don't say it doesn't say it—makes you look bad!

--Three times in Luke alone, Jesus warns His disciples that He was going to crucified and that this was what was planned and must be done.

#### **4. This is scheduled: Luke 18:31**

--**Acts 2:22-24** – God had scheduled it.

--**Salvation is God's plan but not ever any man's plan.**

It wasn't the disciples plan: **Matthew 16:21-22** Peter is the best informed of His followers and this isn't in his head at all.

It wasn't in the plans of those who killed him: **Mark 14:1-2; Acts 4:27-28**

--**They in no way saw Jesus as Savior or His death as God's will, they were just getting rid of a trouble maker in their eyes, yet they, in acting out of their free will, carried out the predetermined plans of God.**

--**Even though they had read the Scriptures that said they would do this to God's Savior, they had no idea they were carrying it out.**

**Luke 18:31** – “**Let's go and finish what God began long, long ago**”

--**It is the primary event of biblical history, so it is the primary event of history.**