



WHY MUST THE SON OF MAN SUFFER?

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WHY DID JESUS HAVE TO SUFFER?

THE POINTS FROM THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE WERE:

- Fulfilling God's will overrides any momentary hype that might derail mission advance.
- Don't let momentary enjoyment compromise future flourishing.
- Self-giving love breaks the chains of oppression and enables human flourishing.

LET'S TALK

1. What impacted you the most from this week's message?
2. Describe a "mountaintop" experience that you've had.
3. Pastor Andrew says, "... like Peter and the rest of the disciples, we want to fit Jesus into our story." Do you agree with this? If so, what are some ways we do that?
4. Read Mark 9:2-13. How would you have felt if you had been on the mountain with Jesus?
5. Vinoth Ramachandra says, "God the Warrior became the Crucified God ... The power of the story of God's suffering is that while our suffering may appear utterly senseless, we can place our story of loss alongside God's story and see what meaning (if any) emerges. We may come to see how a terrible situation can be redeemed, and wait on God to see how he can bring forth something good out of tragedy ...".

Have you ever experienced good coming out of a bad situation? Knowing that Jesus redeems all things for our good, how does that change the way you view suffering?

6. What is one thing you can do this week to see hardship in light of God's Great Story?

LET'S PRAY

Spend some time in prayer (for each other, for our community and for the world).

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