

All Aboard – The last thing you hear before the train leaves the station...you're on or it's leaving.

I am a fan of this arrangement - not fun to go to Disney with if you want wander aimlessly...I plan

• **God is a God planning and execution...today we see how the Disciples struggled with God's plan**

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First of the Passion Predictions 8:31, 9:31, 10:33-34

• **Passion Predictions – Undergo Rejection | Endure Suffering | Killed | Rise from death**

Genesis 3 set the stage with the fall of mankind and the first promise of a Savior

Isaiah 53 showed in explicit detail how the Savior would bring redemption (800 years earlier)

Mark 8:31 is the pivot point – Servant to Sacrifice | Who He Is to What He Will Do | [See the shift](#)

Mark 8:27 - And Jesus went on with His disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked His disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they told Him, 'John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.' And he asked them, but who do you say that I am?' Peter answered Him, '[You are the Christ.](#)'

[Peter...shot into overtime...brick...elation...balloon](#)

[\(Matt. 16:17-18\)](#) Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in Heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my church, and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it.

For more than 1500 years the Roman Catholic church has maintained that this passage teaches the church was built on the person of Peter - first pope from whom the Catholic papacy has descended.

Because of this supposed divinely ordained apostolic succession, the pope is considered to be the supreme and authoritative representative of Christ on earth.

When the pope speaks in his official capacity, he is said to speak with divine authority equal to that of God in Scripture. Such an interpretation is presumptuous and unbiblical

[New Testament makes it abundantly clear Christ alone is the only head of His church.](#)

Petros – (Peter) small stone | Petra – Rock = rocky mountain | rock = declaration...'[You are the Christ](#)'

[The foundation of the church is the revelation of God given through His apostles, and the Lord of the church is the cornerstone of that foundation – You have to understand that to understand this](#)

Mark 8:31-33 And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. And He said this plainly. And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. But turning and seeing His disciples, He rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.'

[Balloon Popped - Peter was okay with Divine Person of Christ he was struggling with Divine Purpose](#)

[We...must learn...God has a plan...purpose...we need to get on the train before it leaves the station](#)

1. **Pursue God's Promise (31-32) – It's not easy...but it is clear**

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Teaching – Son Of Man = True messiahship...God would have to suffer – rejected – die

• **Elders / Chief Priests / Scribes = Religious leaders in Israel**

○ **Illegal trials – Deliver to Rome unjustly – Hatefully Orchestrate an Execution – Public & Painful**

[Circle this word 'must' – Torments of the Messiah are an unchangeable part of the Father's Purpose](#)

• **When the Trinity made a plan to create...the rebellion was known...and the rescue was planned**

Plan is clear...uncompromising...has to be accepted...promise of God to redeem mankind...pursue it

• **Existential questions to be answered...where / why / how...If you're here...pursue the promise**

○ **There was a plan – promise – purpose...for you...involved God dying in your place! MUST**

People want God to work on their terms...

• **Where Peter went wrong...he wanted to call the shots and tell God what to do...teaching us**

[We do pursue God's Promise...we don't call God into contempt](#)

a. **Don't call God into contempt – Disregard for what God has said and He deserves our scorn**

(32) Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him – Strong, forceful expression of disapproval

[Matthew 16:22](#) "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you"

Peter called the Lord into contempt... I hold you in contempt...Telling the Lord His response is inappropriate, unbecoming of a Messiah...Telling God...God is wrong! **Bold Play...others backing away**

It looks like Peter was well intended...not the case | Jesus finally speaks about his Messianic status

• It is not to claim the common understanding, but redefine it beyond recognition

○ **Expound and Reinstatement the Torah | Royal Dominion | Temple | Exclude the Gentiles**

○ **Instead...nearness – love – forgiveness – inclusion instead of rejection – I hold in contempt**

• **Courtroom... Terry Nichols record prison – Oklahoma City Bombing – 2,523 + 1995 = 4518**

Terry...gets told...'Guilty' and he yells...I hold you in contempt...GO FOR IT...not going to work

It seems preposterous, but we do it all the time. God why haven't you given me this?

God why are you withholding, why won't you heal, I know you can...why haven't you?!?

He's given you his ruling and we start to hold God in contempt...bold...play – Where have you?

All aboard...march into conductor's room...taking over...out! Drive God's Train [Instead we should...](#)

2. **Submit to the Savior (33) – Remember and recognize that His way...is best**

(33) But turning and seeing His disciples, He rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God but on the things of man

Turned to them...they were all thinking it...they were putting selfish desires before the Lord

'Get behind me Satan' – The rebuke was so stern...trying to thwart the plan of Salvation...as Satan

• **Shortsighted and for their gain vs. Eternal and for the world's gain**

○ **Demanding Jesus avoid the cross...no He must!**

▪ **Accept the scandal of the suffering savior | Accept the implications for discipleship**

[God takes very seriously anything that hinders people hearing the Gospel – Submit to the Savior](#)

• [Live what we Learn | Protect our Witness | Participate in God's Plan](#) - (Spend and be spent)

[For you are not setting your mind on the things of God but on the things of man](#)

[What a great verse to test our behaviors against...submit to the savior or conforming to culture](#)

a. **Don't die in disagreement – Settle your soul**

[Matthew 16:23](#) You are a hindrance to me – Peter settled his soul...carried the first church – Acts 10

He was no longer a hindrance...he was an advocate...champion...he got on board

He had Presumed more authority than God...directly contradicted God's redemptive purpose

He got in line...realizing that he was the disciple and God is God...created not Creator

I want us to see something...something so important...

[Jesus shows no inclination to justify the ways of God to men](#)

[He simply affirms that what He must do is the will of God](#)

Many will die in the disagreement: Who God or Why God chooses to work as He will

If you do that...train will leave station...without you...sentence isn't 2,523 years...It's eternity - Read

He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?

And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

Isaiah 53 – Written 800 years before Jesus was born...believing it was Jesus in your place get's you on the train on the right tracks...where is it going? Heaven...what rout will it take...trust the conductor

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God Had and Has a plan... for you salvation...All aboard! Pray