

The Road to Calvary
Luke 9:51 – 62

Introduction:

1. Read Luke 9:51-62 –
2. Regarding the text: “set” Gk. “esterisen” - aorist, active, indicative. His face was unmovingly set. It’s found also at Luke 16:26 – a chasm “fixed;” Jesus’ face was “fixed;” It was firm; it had a deep resolve of commitment to complete a mission. Jesus had absolutely no intention to allow the devil or his disciples to hinder that mission.
3. He was going to Jerusalem...to His death ... to die for you and for me!

DISCUSSION: In considering the road to Calvary, it is important to note that—

- I. The Road to Calvary was mapped out before the creation of the world.
 - A. **Eph. 1:4** – The righteous lifestyle that is compatible with the nature of God was established before creation. That relates to the holiness of God to which all mankind must conform so as to live in the presence of God.
Heb. 12:14; I Pet. 1:15-16.
 - B. **2 Tim. 1:8-11**
- II. The Road to Calvary was announced at creation in the garden of Eden.
 - A. Gen. 3:15 – The “seed” of the woman.
 1. Matt. 1:21
 2. The conflict would end at the cross with a wound to Christ and a death blow to the devil.
 - B. Eden discloses that Calvary became necessary because of our sins.
 1. Rom. 5:12, 18-19
 2. Rom. 3:23; Rom. 6:23
 3. Calvary is only meaningful to those who are conscious of their sins.
- III. The Road to Calvary was brought into focus by Christ to His apostles and to us, **Matt. 16:21-28.**
 - A. Life changing lessons for the disciples. Who am I?
 1. Peter’s confession

2. The Church of Christ is revealed

B. The most difficult lesson, **THE CROSS**.

1. The disciples learn that Jesus is on His way to Calvary – the place of the skull.

2. Their dreams of an earthly messianic kingdom are shattered. His kingdom would not be of earthly riches with silver and gold, but pain and suffering.

C. Peter's reaction to the announcement of Calvary, **Matt. 16:20**

1. It must never happen to you Lord, **Matt. 16:22**

2. Get behind me Satan. Satan did not want the Calvary road taken. It meant his fall and ultimate destruction; it meant the emancipation of mankind imprisoned in his chains of sin. But Calvary is a road that "must" be taken

D. The common reaction to Calvary is that of Peter's. Many today do not want the Calvary road. They would prefer a more pleasant way.

1. A code of conduct that would save.

2. A religious ceremony that would cleanse sins.

3. A 12 step program that eradicate evil.

4. But Calvary is none of these. It is rough, rugged, it is heartbreak hill. It is paved with stones and lined with enemies. It is the road of death yet ultimately gives life. It is the road that Jesus says, "must" be taken. "I must go to Jerusalem and I must be killed."

E. We likewise ought to choose to take the Calvary road. If any man come after me...take his cross... and follow me. Follow Jesus to Calvary! **16:24**

IV. The Road to Calvary is the road to sacrifice, **Matt. 16:24-25**

A. Look again at Peter's rebuke – "you are minding the things of men."

B. The choice is clear – the things of God vs. the things of men.

C. Self-interest, "Pride of life," self-promotion, self-preservation and self-complacency must forever die.

D. For this to occur, we must have a clear understanding of the righteousness of God and our own inadequacy and failure to meet that mark. "All of us

have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags. “ **Isa. 64:6**

V. The Road to Calvary is the road to service, **Matt. 16:27**

A. Jesus washes the disciples’ feet,

B. shows humility.

VI. The Road to Calvary is the road that surrenders to the will of God.

VII. Experiences we have on the road to Calvary

A. We are “transfigured,” a transformation takes place, **2 Pet. 1:16-18. Rom. 12:2**

B. We get a taste of victory in Christ, **Matt. 17:14-20**

VIII. Calvary is the road less taken. Calvary is the road not taken. Are you willing and ready to take it? If yes then, come to Jesus, believe in Him, repent and be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins.