

**1. A plan formed before the foundation of the world**

- a) What plan was already formulated before the foundation of the world? Revelation 13:8, 1 Peter 1:13,18-21, Titus 1:1-3
- b) Why was that plan necessary? Revelation 12:7-12, Genesis 3:1-6, Romans 3:23, 6:23
- c) If God knew such a plan was necessary, why did He continue with the creation of planet earth?

**2. Predictions of the suffering and death of Jesus**

- a) John 3:14-15
- b) Matthew 16:21, 17:22-23
- c) Mark 9:30-31
- d) Luke 18:31-33
- e) How did the disciples respond to these predictions by Jesus? Matthew 16:22, 17:23, Mark 9:32, Luke 18:34
- f) Why was it so difficult for the disciples of Jesus to process these announcements regarding His sufferings and death?

**3. The sufferings and death of Jesus**

- a) Matthew 26:57-68, 27:24-31, 38-44, 45-46 How do you respond to the sufferings and death of Christ as recorded by His disciple Matthew?

- b) What additional insights are given by Dr. Luke, after talking to eye-witnesses about the sufferings and death of Jesus? Luke 23:33-47
- c) What is the significance of the declaration of Jesus from the cross recorded by the apostle John? John 19:30
- d) What is your response as you contemplate the sufferings and death of Jesus for you?
- e) Why is the message of the cross foolishness to those who are perishing? 1 Corinthians 1:18-24

**4. What the death of Jesus accomplished**

- a) John 12:32-33 – people would be drawn to Him
- b) John 3:16-17 – people would have a choice to make
- c) Romans 10:13 – everyone can choose to be saved
- d) John 1:11-13 – those who choose to accept Jesus as their personal Savior are empowered to live as children of God.
- e) What other promises or stories in the New Testament assure us that our lives will be transformed when we experience a personal connection with Jesus as our Savior and Lord? Matthew Levi, Zacchaeus, Mary Magdalene, etc. 2 Corinthians 5:17, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, etc.
- f) Share your testimony of how your life has been transformed since you personally accepted all Jesus has accomplished for your salvation.

