INTERNATIONAL BIBLE CHURCH (IBC) LINZ Flötzerweg 156 (Neue Heimat) 4030 Linz ...then you shall know the truth and the truth will set you free. Jn.8:32

SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTLINE

22:02:15

Theme: SUFFERING AND DEATH OF CHRIST PROPHESIED

Memory Verse: John 3:14 "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:"

Texts: Mathew 17:22-23, Mark 8:31-33

In Mathew 16:21, starts Jesus telling His disciples the solemn truth of His imminent passion: "From that time forth began Jesus to show unto His disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priest and scribes, and be killed and be raised again the third day". Before this time, Jesus had spoken about His suffering and death but not clearly as He did now.

So His disciple did not fully understand the situation. He had said for example, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up" (John 2:19) and, "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the son of man be lifted up" (John 3:14). Jesus, not only now began predicting His suffering, but He continued doing it more frequently (Mathew 17:22-23; 20:17-19; 26-1-3). He did not reveal it to the disciples to enlist their sympathy or create fear in them but to prepare them for that phenomenal event.

His persecutors would be the members of the Sanhedrin, the highest court of the Jews, which sat at Jerusalem. They were the elders, chief priests and scribes; a union of the religious world against the Messiah whom they were expecting. How ignorant and pity this will be. These shows how the devil have succeeded in blinding people's eyes pushing them from where they can receive sound doctrine for their dieing souls. How many today have joined the Sanhedrin, the elders, the chief priest and scribes in judging the King of kings and the Prince of Peace of their lives?