

✚ Jesus started his final journey to Jerusalem: Luke 9:51, but not before telling them that this time would be different: Luke 9:22; 44-45. Now, just a few months later, they are still making their way slowly through the towns and villages on their way to Jerusalem, and Jesus reminds them again what is about to happen: Luke 18:31. Everything in all of Scripture is pointed at this. Nothing matters more than this event in the entire Bible. Everything in the Scriptures is leading up to this or is looking back to this event. This couldn't be done remotely, Luke 19:10 and Matthew 20:28. He can condemn us remotely, in fact, Hell is essentially going to be about the remoteness of God, 2nd Thessalonians 1:9. But God saves us personally; salvation isn't a religion, and it isn't a formula, it is a person, Acts 4:12, you have to come to Him personally. God judges us impersonally and remotely: 2nd Thessalonians 1:9 and 2nd Samuel 23:6-7. The saved are His and go home with Him but the lost are left in the field to burn, Matthew 3:12.

1. God comes to us personally because saving us cannot be done remotely.

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2. Saving us was the first thing He scheduled in all of creation.

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3. Many see His death as a mistake.

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4. This is scheduled: Luke 18:31.

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They in no way saw Jesus as Savior or His death as God's will, they were just getting rid of a troublemaker in their eyes, yet they, in acting out of their free will, carried out the predetermined plans of God. Even though they had read the Scriptures that said they would do this to God's Savior, they had no idea they were carrying it out. "Let's go and finish what God began long, long ago" Luke 18:31. It is the primary event of biblical history, so it is the primary event of history.
