

Daily Devotion For March 5, 2021

[Jesus] then began to teach [his disciples] that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again." Mark 8:31

Do you have a bucket list, a list of things you must do before you die? I can't really say that I have/had a bucket list, but having had the opportunity to lead 3 trips to Israel truly would have been one of them. The opportunity to see the place where Jesus was born, raised, crucified and raised from the dead.

Did you know that Jesus had a bucket list? But his list didn't include a bunch of fun, self-indulgent activities. No, Jesus' bucket list was all about his suffering in self-sacrificing love for you and me. Jesus didn't concoct his own list. Rather, it was given to him by his Father before he was born.

In Mark chapter 8, Jesus revealed his list to his closest friends. He told them how he "must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again."

This was more than a premonition on Jesus' part. It was a promise. Each item on his bucket list was going to get crossed off. And why? Because Jesus loves you that much. Because he wants you to know that heaven is yours. His bucket list is complete, and it wasn't about him. It was about you!

Thought For Today: During this season of Lent, remember that YOU are the Lord's bucket list. How does it make you feel that Jesus suffered and died so that He could have a relationship with you. Take time today to reflect on God's amazing love for you.

Today's Prayer Focus: Thank God for His faithful and perfect love and His willingness to sacrifice His life for you. Take time to read the current prayer fuel. Deo Volente.