

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

First announcement about the passion and resurrection

²¹From that day Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem; he would suffer many things from the Jewish authorities, the chief priests and the teachers of the Law. He would be killed and be raised on the third day.

²²Then Peter took him aside and began to reproach him:

—Never, Lord! No, this must never happen to you.

²³But Jesus turned to him and said:

—Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path. You are thinking not as God does, but as people do.

²⁴Then Jesus said to his disciples:

—If you want to follow me, deny yourself, take up your cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever chooses to save his life will lose it, but the one who loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶What will one gain by winning the whole world if he destroys himself? There is nothing you can give to recover your own self.

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