

Tuesday 5 November 2024

Matthew 16:21–23

Leader **Wes Illingsworth**
Speaker **William Taylor**

WELCOME TO ST HELEN'S

We are delighted you have joined us today. Please feel free to eat your lunch during the meeting and it would be a great help if you could turn all phones and other communication devices to flight mode.

RUNNING ORDER

1.10pm Welcome and reading

1.15pm Talk

1.40pm End

NOTICES

1. New here? Let us know if you'd like to receive the weekly update email detailing what's going on here to support you. Email: city@st-helens.org.uk

2. Lunchtime talks: Sceptics, enquirers and believers are all welcome to hear Jesus' answers to life's big questions. Every Tuesday, 1.10–1.40pm, and every Thursday, 12.15–12.50pm, in St Helen's. Visit <https://shb.org.uk/city> for more information.

3. Remembrance service for the City: Thursday 7 November, 1.10–1.50pm, at St Helen's. The address will be given by Major General Rob Thomson CBE DSO who served in the British Army between 1988 and 2023. We will be joined by a bugler from the Grenadier Guards. Join us in person or online: www.st-helens.org.uk/live

4. City prayer: join other City workers each week to pray for the advance of the gospel here in the City. Mondays 5.30–6pm or Tuesdays 8–8.30am, in St Helen's. Our special Christmas prayer breakfast is on Tuesday 3 December, 7.30–8.30am.

5. Motivations for mission: Gospel at Work invites you to a lunchtime event at St Botolph's Aldersgate EC1A 4EU on Monday 18 November, 1–1.45pm. There will be a talk on why we share the gospel, followed by a discussion time.

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²¹ From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

Global problems: God's solution

God's supreme solution

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Introduction

1. The suffering of Jesus (the cross) is essential to his Kingdom

2. The suffering of Jesus is offensive even to would-be members of his Kingdom

3. The denial of Jesus' suffering is a denial of his Kingdom

Conclusion

Questions for discussion and reflection:

- Why is the cross so key to the rule of Jesus?
- What is at stake if we do not hold Jesus' death as central?
- In what ways are we tempted to think like Peter?

Next week: God's unshakeable kingdom, Matthew 16:24–28. Speaker: Wes Illingsworth