

12. Mark 8:31 – 9:41



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BOOK TWO

THE GOSPEL OF JESUS THE SON OF GOD

PART FOUR : THE SON OF MAN CAME TO SERVE AND TO GIVE HIS LIFE FOR THE RANSOM OF MANY

Mark 8:31 - 10:52

- A. The role of suffering in Jesus' life and in the lives of his disciples (8:31 - 9:29)
- B. A disciple must be a servant of the Lord (9:30 - 10:31)
- C: Disciples must offer their lives for others (10:32-52)

Mark 8:31-32

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the **Son of Man** (2:10; 2:28) **must undergo great suffering, and be rejected** (Psalm 118:22) **by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, (= the Sanhedrin) and be killed, and after three days rise again.**
He was speaking the word quite openly.

“Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” (Mark 2:7).

The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him’ (Mark 3:6).

The Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” Jesus said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines’ (Mark 7:5-7).

rejected

killed

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Hosea 6:1-2

Come, let us return to YHWH;

for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;

he has struck down, and he will bind us up.

After two days he will revive us;

on the third day he will raise us up,

that we may live before him.

The Third Day (Exodus 9:9-16)

‘YHWH said to Moses, “I am going to come to you in a dense cloud, in order that the people may hear when I speak with you and so trust you ever after ... “Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow. Have them wash their clothes and prepare for **the third day**, because **on the third day** YHWH will come down upon Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people. You shall set limits for the people all around, saying: Be careful not to go up the mountain or to touch the edge of it. Any who touch the mountain shall be put to death. ... So Moses went down from the mountain to the people. He consecrated the people, and they washed their clothes. He said to the people, “Prepare for **the third day**; do not go near a woman.” On the morning of **the third day** there was thunder and lightning, as well as a thick cloud on the mountain, and a blast of a ram’s horn (shofar) so loud that all the people in the camp trembled.’

Luke 13:32-33

I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and **on the third day** I finish my work.

Yet today, tomorrow, and **the next day** I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.'

Mark 8:32-33

Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him.

But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and says,

“Get behind me (‘follow me’, 1:17), Satan! (1:13; 4:14)

For you are setting your mind not on divine things

but on human things. (Peter is not behaving like a disciple)

Isaiah 55:8-9

My thoughts are not your thoughts,

nor are your ways my ways, says YHWH.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth,

so are my ways higher than your ways

and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Mark 8:34-37

Jesus called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them,
“If you want to follow after me (see 1:17, 20; 2:14),
deny yourself, and take up your cross (first mention) and follow me.

If you want to save your life (ψυχή) you will lose it.
If you lose your life (ψυχή) because of me,
and because of the gospel,
you will save it.

For what will it profit you to gain the whole world
and forfeit your life? (ψυχή)

Indeed, what can you give in return for your life? (ψυχή)

Mark 8:38 - 9:1

Those who are ashamed of me and of my words
in this adulterous and sinful generation,
of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes
in the glory (first time) of his Father (first time) with the holy angels.”

And he was saying to them, “Truly I tell you, (second time; see 3:28)
there are some standing here who will not taste death
until they see that the kingdom of God has come with power.”

(Mark expected an imminent coming of the fullness of the kingdom of God)

Mark 9:2-8

Six days later, Jesus takes with him Peter and James and John, (5:37; 14:33) and leads them up a high mountain apart, by themselves.

Exodus 24:16

The glory of YHWH settled on Mount Sinai,
and the cloud covered it for **six days**;
on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud.

Mark 9:2-4

Six days later, Jesus takes with him Peter and James and John, (5:37; 14:33)

and leads them up a high mountain apart, by themselves.

And he was transfigured before them,

and his clothes became dazzling white, (16:5)

such as no one on earth could bleach them.

And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses,

who were talking with Jesus.

Exodus 34:30

The Israelites saw
Moses, the skin of his
face was shining,
and they were afraid
to come near him.



Mark 9:5-8

Then Peter says to Jesus, “Rabbi (first time), it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, (‘tents’, ‘tabernacles’) one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He did not know what to say, for they were terrified.

Then a cloud (Exodus 24:15-16) overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved (Mark 1:11); listen to him!” (Deuteronomy 18:15) Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but **only Jesus**.

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2 Corinthians 3:15-18

Whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds;
but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed.
Now the Lord is the Spirit,
and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord
as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed
into the same image from one degree of glory to another;
for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Coming of Elijah : Mark 9:9-13

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the **Son of Man** had risen from the dead. (see 8:31)
So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead could mean.

Then they were asking him, “Why do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?” (see Malachi 4:5) He was saying to them, “Elijah is indeed coming first to restore all things.

How then is it written about the Son of Man, that he is to go through many sufferings and be treated with contempt?

(Isaiah 53:3; Psalm 22:6; Psalm 89:38)

But I tell you that Elijah has come, and they did to him whatever they pleased, as it is written about him.”

John the Baptist: 1:1-8; 6:14-16; 6:17-29

Mark 9:14-16

When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and some scribes arguing with them. When the whole crowd saw him, they were immediately overcome with awe (16:5-6), and they ran forward to greet him. He asked them, “What are you arguing about with them?”(the disciples)



Raphael: 'Faith'

Mark 9:17-19

Someone from the crowd answered him,
“Teacher, I brought you my son;
he has a spirit that makes him unable to speak; (7:31-37)
and whenever it seizes him, it dashes him down;
and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; (epilepsy?)
and I asked your disciples to cast it out, but they could not do so.”

He answered them, “You faithless generation, (Deuteronomy 32:20)
how much longer must I be among you?
How much longer must I put up with you? Bring him to me.”

Mark 9:20-24

They brought the boy to Jesus.

When the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth.

Jesus asked the father, “How long has this been happening to him?”

And he said, “From childhood.

It has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you are able to do anything, have pity on us and help us.”

Jesus said to him, “If you are able!

All things can be done for the one who **believes.**”

Immediately the father of the child cried out,

“I believe; keep on helping my unbelief!”

Mark 9:25-29

When Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You spirit that keeps this boy from speaking and hearing, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again!”

After crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, “He is dead.”

But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he was able to stand.

When he had entered the house, his disciples were asking him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?”

He said to them, “This kind can come out only through **prayer**.”

(Mss add ‘and fasting’)

Mark 9:14-29 A deliberate composite of all human ills

1. Synagogue exorcism /Unclean spirit, Amazement (1:26-27)

2. Healing Leper/ Compassion (1:41)

3. Healing paralysed man / Crowd, scribes (2:1,6)

4. Man with withered hand / Touch (3:5)

5. Gerasene Demoniac / ravaging of victim (5:3-6)

6. Jairus's daughter / raised by Jesus (5:41-42)

7. Haemorrhaging Woman / faith (5:34)

8. Mother-daughter (7:25ff)

9. Deaf and dumb man (7:31ff)



Second prediction of passion : Mark 9:30-32

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be handed over (παράδίδωμι) into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

First prediction : Mark 8:31-32

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Mark 9:33-35 compare 8:34-37

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was at home (see 2:1) he was asking them, “What were you arguing about on the way?”

But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest.

(contrast 8:34 ‘deny self!’)

He sat down, called the twelve (6:7), and says to them,

“Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and **servant** of all.”

diakonos

- The angels ministered to Jesus (1:13)
- Simon’s mother ministered to Jesus (1:31)

Welcoming a child : Mark 9:36-37

Then Jesus took a little child
and put it among them;
and taking it in his arms,
he said to them,
“Whoever welcomes one such child
in my name welcomes me,
and whoever welcomes me
welcomes not me
but the one who sent me.”



Mark 9:38-41 (compare Numbers 11:24-30)

John was saying to him,

“Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.”

But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us.

For truly I tell you (3:28; 8:12; 9:1), whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.