



THE GOSPEL OF

MARK



Sermon Series Notes

“The Ransom” (Mark 10:13-16)

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Announcement:: Read Mk. 10:32-34

Intro: Timeline,....In the winter of A.D.34

1. **Jn 11, tells the story** of the death of Jesus friend Lazarus
 - a. **Only found in John’s Gospel**
 - i. **Very Familiar story** about Mary & Martha & laz who are good friends with Jesus
 - ii. **Laz gets sick**, sisters send for Jesus who is ministering in the area about 1 days journey away
 - iii. Jesus – arrives after Laz dies
 1. In the tomb 4 days.....
 2. Jesus miraculously raises Laz from Dead
 3. Lets pick up the story in **Jn 11:45-54**
 - a. **V 54 says** because of the plot to kill Jesus
 - b. Go to Ephraim away from Jerusalem

From winter of 34 A.D. to the spring of 34 A.D.

Ephraim seems to be the hub of ministry for Jesus and the disciples

- They will leave Ephraim,
 - North into Galilee, Capernaum,
 - Then work both sides of the Jordan
 - Come back to Ephraim and cross the Jordan to the east side through Perea.
 - Cross the Jordan to the west and go to Jericho, to Bethany, and finally to Jerusalem for the Passover

Read Mk. 10:32-34 which takes place about 2 Weeks before Passover and Jesus last visit to Jerusalem

1. **V 32. Says, They are on their way up to Jerusalem and Jesus is leading the way**

It’s interesting,.. the ESV says Jesus was walking ahead of them.

2. **I do that with my wife** when I am really anxious or excited to get somewhere. Like when we’re shopping....
 - a. I’m heading for the exit,.....and I think she right with me
 - b. Like a ninja she just disappear
 - c. Her cellphone goes straight to voice mail
 - d. Usually it’s Sams club, I now know to go look in clothes

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3. Jesus was intentional about getting on with it

- a. **It's important to see that Jesus** is not only physically leading, but as usual leading by example
- b. **Jesus again** focuses on humility and servant leadership
 - i. **His posture and countenance** echo the words He spoke to his disciples in **Jn 4:34** My food is to do the will of my Father and finish His work
 - ii. Jesus is perfectly unique in that he never disobeyed His Father

The writer of Hebrews captures the essence of how Jesus encourages us as He leads the way

Heb 12:2 fix your eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

They are on their way to Jerusalem with Jesus is leading the way and the Disciples are Astonished (KJV says Astonished out of measure)

- **They can't believe it,....after three years this thing is finally going to happen**
 - c. **They are thinking We've seen Jesus**
 - i. Speak to a storm and stop the wind, waves, and rain
 - ii. Walk on water
 - iii. Feed great crowds with a few fish and bread
 - iv. Heal the sick, raise the dead, cast out demons
 - 1. His power has enabled us to do many of those things
 - v. He's put Pharisees and saducees in their place
 - d. **This is finally going to happen.....**for they like the rest of the Jewish nation could not comprehend a **suffering messiah**, only a **Conquering King**
 - e. **And this conquering king has made us promises**

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- i. **Peter**, he is going to give us the keys to the kingdom
- ii. **Others, that we** would sit with him judging the nations
- iii. **He is finally going to get rid of Roman rule**
 - 1. Straighten out our Sanhedrin and install us as his regents and re-establish the throne of David
 - 2. These guys are expecting great things

Disciples are having visions of glory,....Those who Followed were afraid

- f. **Those who followed** probably some of the pilgrims coming to Jerusalem for the Passover (**60 thou to 600**)
- g. **Even though this miracle worker** was pretty cool to hang out with,..
 - i. Trouble and controversy always seem to follow Him
 - ii. There was that time He said we had to eat his body and drink his blood & There is a price on his head

End of V 32. He takes the 12 aside / the 3rd time in 3 chapters,..

- **Jesus predicts His death**

- **Mk 8 He says,...** 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.**
- **Mk 9:30 says,...They left that place,** and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were because He was teaching His disciples. He said, **The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise."**
- But in **Mk10, Jesus gives more detail,**
 - This is the 1st time He says he will die in Jerusalem
 - That both Jews and gentiles will reject Him
 - He will be condemned to death **by Chief priests and teachers of the law**
 - And they will hand Him **over to the gentiles** who will mock, spit on Him, flog Him, and kill him and 3 days later he will rise again

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- **Jesus never mentions His death** w/o speaking of rising again
- **So Jesus is continually reinforcing the Gospel**
 - **At this point** you might be saying, what in the world is going on here
 - Jesus is communicating that He is going to die
 - And you're telling me that they are thinking of excited thinking about. Yep that's what I'm saying
 - Jesus is giving them the Gospel
 - He is speaking of the accomplishments that will be brought about by His finished work on the cross
 - They don't make the Gospel connection that
 - That He will defeat Satan by surrendering His Life
 - That His death will reverse the curse of Adam
 - That God will draw people to the Good News of Jesus and give them faith to believe in His name
 - That this Gospel is the transforming power of God
 - That this Jesus has become for us wisdom from God, that is our righteousness, holiness, and redemption.
 - That this good news is that we can become new creations,....born again
 - That therefore there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because Jesus took the wrath of Father God on himself on this cross,.....no I don't think they got it.
- **But hey, sometimes I get Gospel amnesia** myself and forget that though I'm deeply flawed, I'm greatly loved, Though I never dreamed I was so depraved, I never hoped I could be so loved
 - **I don't know** what they thought when he mentioned his death, but it obviously was not the horror that was about to come upon Jesus

How do I know this: Look at Vs 35-41

James & John came to Him and said, "We want you to do for us whatever we ask.".....Can we sit on your right and left in your glory

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- We see that this wonderful master plan is all coming to fruition coming and we want the best seats in the house
- **We can drink that cup**
- **We can be baptized with that Baptism**
- **How bad can it be, I'm sure the death thing isn't to pleasant,....But Lazarus looks better than ever**
 - **You did that as a precursor for us right**
 - **Once they got the grave clothes off him**
 - **Are all 12 of going to come out at the same time**
 - **It's going to look like the Zombie Appocalypse**

Okay so that's a little overboard, but I do believe they were blinded by the thoughts of this conquering king

- But the others are just as bad,....
 - They are not saying,....
 - Come on, the man said he has to die,...have some respect
 - Have a little class didn't you hear what he has to endure
 - **No they're mad because they didn't think of it 1st**
 - What they were doing with his words about death & dying
 - Jesus said we are going up to **Jerusalem and the son of man will be betrayed**
 - The phrase "**The Son of Man**" is one that Jesus used often.
 - He actually refers to himself that way 81X.
 - He seems to use exclusively in the third person
 - we are going up to Jerusalem and the son of man will be betrayed

While I'd like to cut them some slack. I believe they do what we do, what I do,..... I don't Comprehend the whole Gospel as I should.

- What I mean is, it's easy to marginalize the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ
- In our case to relegate it to entry level Christianity and now lets move on,.....can't be done w/o a deeper grasp of the transforming Good news

Look at what James and John were trying to do

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So what does Jesus do with James and John

- **Rips them a new one,....up one side and down the other**

Intelligence on Ice Vs. Ignorance on fire

Heb. 5:2 Our high priest is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray,

He tells James and John: You will drink of the cup and be baptized with my baptism

Jesus describes his own death and resurrection by means of the metaphors of Cup and Baptism which refer in the OT to Gods wrath and purifying Judgment.

- Thankfully for us because of His substitutionary sacrifice, we are not recipients of God's wrath.
- Through Christ's atonement God works purity into our lives by the adversity of life and the fellowship of suffering with Christ.

Vs 42-45

Jesus reboots His disciples reminding them, that your leadership cannot look like the world

- They lord it over others,..Not so with you,.....
 - Whoever wants to be great must be a servant
 - Whoever wants to be first must be slave of all
- Jesus demonstrated this a few days later at the last supper depicted in **Jn 13** when he washed the disciples feet.

In **V 13** He says, When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. ¹³ “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. ¹⁶ Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

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Healing of Bartimaeus:

Interesting that Jesus asks James and John and Bartimaeus the same question: “What do you want me to do for you”

- **James and John request glory**
- **Bartimaeus requests mercy**

James and John though physically seeing were spiritually blind, Bartimaeus, though physically blind was spiritually seeing

It is on those who know their need, not on those who assume their spirituality that God pours out mercy

The Gospel reminds me of my place and my identity

- **Phil 2:3** Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.
- **Col.3:1** Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is your^[a] life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Lest I be too hard on the disciples, Jesus said a lot of things to them that sounded much like what they thought.

Next Chapter is about the Triumphal entry, and the adoring crowds, the heros welcome (Palm branches and laying their clokes before, and yelling Hosanna

- Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord
- Blessed is coming kingdom of our Father David

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- **What keeps our head on straight is Gospel thinking**

- **Servant leaders, All glory to God**
- **Why would He even consider me**
- **Yet He lavishes on me with the riches of eternity**
- **Falling deeper in Love with Jesus**
 - **Discovering His heart**
 - **Pursuing Him primarily for who He is not what He can do**

Here is what I like though,....the disciples are astonished, the followers are afraid, but they are walking with Him as He leads the way

- They don't know how this exactly plays out but they are walking
- They are not sure what it will look like but they're walking

Then there's what Jesus says them and us

Jn 17:8 I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me.

- i. Jesus will also say in **Jn 17**, While I was with them, I kept them and protected them
- ii. Sanctify them by your word, your word is truth,...

John:

- **He would never** even mention his own name in His writings, referring only to himself as the disciple that Jesus loved
- **Peter would stand** up and deliver a sermon where 3000 get saved, 50 days after he denied he even knew him

The takeaway for me is that I know I have misapplied God's word to my life before and have been just as prideful and ignorant as the disciples,....they provide a great reminder of ourselves,....But God sees something in these Guys and that is the difference maker

Proverbs says a righteous man falls 7 times but gets up every time,.....I'm not righteous but I have been given His righteousness