

MARK 9:30-32

OBSERVATIONS:

- Here in Mark 9, we see Jesus beginning to remove Himself from public ministry.
- Jesus begins here to leave Galilee and this is Mark's last entry in his gospel regarding Jesus spending anytime in Galilee until after His resurrection.
- He now sets His desires to go to Jerusalem where He will be betrayed, tried and crucified.
 - He set His face as a flint Isa. 50:7
- Earlier in chapter 9 Jesus taught His disciples the importance of prayer and faith, Now He turns to steadfastness and His commitment to the Father's will.
- His ministry now centers on His disciples. Preparing them and teaching them for the trials ahead. Jesus mentions for the 4th time His passion and death on Calvary.
- Luke begins this teaching regarding Jesus' approaching death and resurrection by showing a great contrast. **LK. 9:43**
- What a stark contrast from amazement to betrayal. This is amazing.
- From the amazement of the power and majesty of God to the sorrow and mystery of the crucifixion.

READ MK. 9:30-37?

- One of our first lessons here is what poor judges we are of what is best for us.
 - Mt. 17:23 says they were exceedingly sorrowful.
 - The death of Christ, which is the glory of the Savior and the great fountain of life and joy to mankind, was a grief and a mystery to the disciples.
 - **Jn. 16:5-7**
 - If the Father dealing with Himself is mysterious to us no wonder that His dealings with us should be mysterious as well, here we know in part.
 - Ill that He blesses is our good, and unblessed good is ill, and all is right that seems so wrong, if it be His sweet will.
 - **Vs. 31** Notice His passion begins in betrayal and ends in murder. Be careful of compromise.
 - Also, Luke 9:44 tells us that Jesus made a great emphasis that they should learn, take hold of, take to heart what He is saying.
 - Let these words sink down into your ears, for the Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men."
 - As I read vs 31 I was struck with these sobering words and noticed 4 points we should dig into, or suggestions we should pursue.
- 1) The costliness of salvation: God the Son is to be killed; the Father gives Him up for this salvation.
 - 2) The beauty and power of meekness. To submit was to conquer.
 - 3) The seeming power and sovereignty of the world.
 - 4) This power which looks absolute is a granted and a brief power. I shall rise on the third day.

1) THE COSTLINESS OF SALVATION:

- Can we for a moment consider the thought of the angels, the attitude and hush of heaven regarding this?
- The whole of scripture is filled with this theme. Let us turn to.
 - Isa. 53:1-10a
 - 1 Peter 1:18, 19; knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, *like* silver or gold, from your aimless conduct *received* by tradition from your fathers, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.
 - **Mark 14:32-36**
 - Lk. 22:44; And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

2) THE BEAUTY AND POWER OF MEEKNESS:

- Mt. 5:5; Blessed *are* the meek, For they shall inherit the earth.
- PS. 37:11; But the meek shall inherit the earth, And shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.
- Isa. 29:19; The humble also shall increase *their* joy in the LORD, And the poor among men shall rejoice In the Holy One of Israel.
- **Phil. 2:5-11**
- He goes as a lamb to the slaughter.

3) THE SEEMING POWER OF THE WORLD.

- 1 Jn. 5:19; and the whole world lies *under the sway* of the wicked one.
- The world's attitude is that of Nebuchadnezzar.
 - Dan. 3:15; Now if you are ready at the time you hear the sound of the horn, flute, harp, lyre, *and* psaltery, in symphony with all kinds of music, and you fall down and worship the image which I have made, *good!* But if you do not worship, you shall be cast immediately into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will deliver you from my hands?"
- **Mt. 4:8-9;**

4) ITS POWER WHICH SEEMS ABSOLUTE IS ACTUALLY GRANTED AND BRIEF.

- **Dan. 4:34-37;**
- Heb. 2:14; Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,
- Rev. 1:18
- **Acts 2:23, 24**

CONCLUSION: