

## MARK 10:32-34

### INTRO:

### VS. 32:

#### THE ROAD - THE WAY.

- This is not the third time Jesus foretells of His death.
- I HAVE TO SMILE WHEN I READ THIS VERSE OUT OF THE KJV.
- THEY WERE IN THE WAY.
- Being in the "way."
- The disciples knew they were going up to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover, but they had no idea that Jesus Himself was going to be the Passover sacrificial Lamb. (John B. and the first disciples. JN. 1:36)
- The ultimate and truly acceptable sacrifice which would alone satisfy the righteous requirements of God and end the symbolic sacrificial system.
- Into Jerusalem, not around it, not up to it but into it. Into the belly of the whale, the eye of the storm.

#### JESUS WENT BEFORE THEM:

- The scene is of travelers going up to Jerusalem for the coming Passover.
- There are groups there, the disciples are there, and Jesus, but notice, Jesus goes before them.
- According to the GK. the word meaning is to go before, to lead, and reveals this was a habitual practice, it was repetitive.
- Jesus too goes before us as we walk in "the way." His sheep know His voice and they follow Him.
  - Gen. 24.
- when we walk in the Way, we are safe, for it is the way Jesus has chosen for us, He goes before. We are not alone and we travel a road laid out for us.
  - Ps. 23 The LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want. <sup>2</sup> He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. <sup>3</sup> He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You *are* with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. <sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. <sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will <sup>[d]</sup>dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.
  - Gen. 24:27 I being in the way, the Lord led me.
- Often in the gospels Jesus was pressed in by the crowds, now they hang back as He approaches calvary.
- So, it is with many who follow Him in the sensational, but lose passion in the ordinary or the costly.

## **THEY WERE AMAZED & AFRAID:**

- **AMAZED**: They were amazed: To be exceedingly struck in mind, astonished, blown away.
- What was it that caused them to be amazed?
- I think they knew that going up to Jerusalem was dangerous.
- Yet, Jesus' demeanor, determination and posture brought them to a foreboding.
- Jesus did not lessen His pace as He moves forward into Jerusalem. Into the eye of the storm.
- I believe Jesus walked with such fearless determination and boldness that they were awe struck.
  - Isa. 50:7, "For the Lord GOD will help Me; Therefore I will not be disgraced; Therefore I have set My face like a flint, And I know that I will not be ashamed.
- There is something about His resolve to finish the work the Father had given Him to do that is seen in His countenance.
- Was He considering "the joy set before Him.?"
- And they were amazed.

**AFRAID**: Phobeo: to be struck with fear, to be sized with alarm, used of those who fear harm or injury.

- Mk. 16:8; So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they **trembled and were amazed**. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.
- Until now Jesus had basically avoided conflict, now that much of His public work was complete, He moved straight into it. His hour had drawn near.
- In John's gospel; it seems the disciples mention this to Jesus.
  - **Jn. 11:7-10**
- Perhaps they reasoned, if Jesus is in danger, we too will be in danger.
- Yet they did not desert Him as the rich young ruler did, or make excuses to leave as in Lk. 14:16-20.
- Jesus had said, "if they persecute you in one city flee to another. But Jesus was not to flee. (Mt. 10:23)
- But Jesus did not try to avoid or escape the cross, He did not hide from tribulation and trials, but moved resolutely into them, leaning on the Love and leading of the Father. Us too?
- He must complete His mission, His death on the cross for this reason He came. He was born to die and give His life a ransom for many.
- It is interesting to remember, though Jesus told of these horrific things that would happen to Him, His disciples were kept safe. Their only danger were their own fears and doubts of their hearts.
- Have I been afraid to walk close behind Jesus?

## VS. 32b-34.

### COMING EVENTS: The foretelling of His coming arrest & death.

- These verses are the most detailed verses in the N. T. regarding Jesus sufferings.
- His poor disciples had a completely different view of the Messiah and His mission. They did not know He would be a suffering Messiah.
- This they would learn in time for Peter shares with us;
  - Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; <sup>13</sup> but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. 1 Pt. 4:12
- Jesus knew what would befall Him in Jerusalem by divine revelation, intuition and of course the scriptures.
  - See Lk. 18:31, Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of Man will be accomplished.
- Let's take a look at some O. T. scriptures that had been prophesied 740 years earlier regarding the coming Messiah and His mission.
  - **Isa. 52:13-53:12**
- **Betrayed:** (33) To be delivered, to give into the hands of another. To give over into one's power or use. Think of the sacrifice animal.:
- This was a most startling and appalling statement for the disciples to hear.
- The Jewish nation did not have the power or authority to put someone to death. They would need the use of Rome for this.
- On the day of atonement an animal was handed over, delivered up to the priest and its blood taken and sprinkled on the mercy seat in the holy of holies.
- There the sins of the people were symbolically transferred unto the head of the scapegoat.
- It was then driven out of the camp into the wilderness. (Lev. 16)
- This is what it meant for a Jew to be delivered up into the hands of the Gentiles, he was to be sent outside the "camp," that is the covenant community of Israel, excommunication, out side the place where God was present.
- In vs. 33 we see Jesus speaking in the 3rd person. The first pronoun an inclusive "we," saying "we shall go up to Jerusalem, but then follows with 8 pronouns in the 3<sup>rd</sup> person.
- First, we have Jesus using His favorite title for Himself, "Son of Man." Which emphasizes His incarnation.
- He uses this title in the gospels 81 Times.
- Then 6 times He uses the pronoun "Him." and ends up using "He."
- It is said that speaking in the 3<sup>rd</sup> person helps to catch one's attention and better focus on the subject being spoken of by detachment by the person talking. Helps to grasp the big picture?

- These details Jesus told them should have strengthened them after the events actually took place, especially as they anxiously awaited those first days after the crucifixion.
- If the first 7 details came to be then certainly the 8<sup>th</sup> detail must also come to pass. He will rise....

### **CONCLUSION:**

- God lays out for us the way we should go as well. Trust and Obey.
- Walking in the way, obedient to the Father does not, will not exclude one from trials.
- This same resolute Spirit of Jesus and His inspired commitment to the Fathers will has likewise embolden countless numbers of His followers down through the ages. Voice of the Martyrs.
- Consider John Bunyan, going to preach in the small English village of Sampsell, knowing he was under the threat of prison should he preach, did what he believed was the will and call of God, he preached.
- He was arrested and spent the next 12 years in prison. He was taken from his second wife, and 6 children one of which was his daughter little Mary who was blind, all his family depended on him, but knowing the will and call of God on his life, and that he could not set an example of cowardice for his flock, went to the chapel, was arrested and sent to prison.
- Oh yes he was able to write a little bit....
- Let me end with the last words of one of Bunyan's great heroes, Mr. Valiant for Truth.

**Valiant for truth crosses the last river and reaching the gate of heaven, Bunyan writes.**

**"Then said he, 'I am going to my Father's; and though with great difficulty I am got hither, yet now I do not repent me of all the trouble I have been at to arrive where I am. My sword I give to him that shall succeed me in my pilgrimage, and my courage and skill to him that can get it. My marks and scars I carry with me, to be a witness for me that I have fought His battles who now will be my rewarder.'.... So he passed over, and all the trumpets sounded for him on the other side."**