

Intro

- ~ We've seen in Mk 1 Christ coming, being baptized, tested, preaching, casting out demons, calling disciples, healing,
- ~ We've seen in Mk 2 Christ heal and forgive sins. This gives us a good glimpse of Christ's ministry. But, as we near the end of his ministry we see the highlight coming. That highlight is the cross, death, burial and resurrection.
- ~ As we come upon campaign season we'll hear politicians make promises. We're so accustomed to politicians making promises that they won't keep.
- ~ At some point we've all made a promise we didn't keep for one reason or another
- ~ But there was a man who made a promise and kept it. Yet, his promise was so unusual. We usually think of men making great promises to achieve greatness. Yet, Christ made a promise to do something that seemed anticlimactic.
- ~ What was that promise Christ made? He was going to die and raise from the dead
- ~ Christ told his disciples that the Son of Man was going to be killed but that He would rise from the dead 3 days later.
- ~ What makes Christ's death so unique? He predicted it but also predicted his death, those who bring about this death, the treatment prior to his death, but also his resurrection and the time of his resurrection
- ~ Some had promised to die for a cause but only Christ could so perfectly predict all the details of his death
- ~ Christ's death is the most significant because his provides atonement for the sins of men
- ~ We have many needs and legitimate needs but our greatest need is to be right with God and Christ came to provide that through his death on the cross
- ~ Leading up to the time of his death Christ he began to prepare his disciples for his death, burial and resurrection. He did this to prepare them because they thought Christ only came to provide a political victory over the Romans who were the ruling power over the world at that time. Christ told them on three different occasions he would die and be resurrected. Each time he told them this prediction went right over their heads and they didn't get it
- ~ We have three different occasions in Mark where Christ predicted his death
- 1 Mk 8
- 2 Mk 9
- 3 Mk 10
- 4 Mk 9 speaks about the Transfiguration. At this event Christ is transformed and his glory shows. This was the only time his glory was manifested. Luke tells us that Moses and Elijah appeared to Christ and only Luke tells us what they spoke to Christ about his decease he should accomplish at Jerusalem

First Prediction (Mk 8:28-38)

1 Jesus is the Christ (v28-30) <We know who Christ is>

Previous Context

- ~ Peter confesses Jesus as the Christ (the Messiah) (Mk 8:27-30)
- Mar 8:27 And Jesus went out, and his disciples, into the towns of Caesarea Philippi: and by the way he asked his disciples, saying unto them, Whom do men say that I am?
- Mar 8:28 And they answered, John the Baptist: but some say, Elias; and others, One of the prophets.
- Mar 8:29 And he saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Peter answereth and saith unto him, Thou art the Christ.
- Mar 8:30 And he charged them that they should tell no man of him.

- ~ Why is this important? Because if Jesus isn't God then his death accomplishes nothing
- ~ The bible asserts Christ as God
- ~ History tells us a factual living Christ
- ~ Christ is the answer
- ~ Christ doesn't talk about his death or the cross until it is established he's the Christ, otherwise his death won't be understood
- ~ Jesus asks questions to get people to think. Jesus knows he's the son of God but do the disciples know he's God

2 Jesus's death (v31-33) <We know what Christ is going to do>

Mar 8:31 And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

Mar 8:32 And he spake that saying openly.

~ We have here the first of three direct predictions by Christ of his death

~ Christ is here stating the reason for his coming

~ The other times Christ referenced his coming was Mk 1:38

And he said unto them, Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also: for therefore came I forth.

Other verses on Christ's coming

Matt 20:28 the son of man came not be served but to serve and give his life a ransom for many

Lk 2:49 Jesus at a young age knew He must be about the Father's business

Lk 4:18,19 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, 4:19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

Jn 9:4 Jesus must work the works the Father gave him to do

Jn 16:28 Jesus came from the father into the world

Jn 17:8 Jesus gave people the words the Father gave to him

Jn 17:4 Jesus finished the work the Father gave him to do

Ultimately Christ came for the purpose of giving his life a ransom on the cross

The OT was preparatory for the coming of Christ. The OT sacrifices were a type of Christ

There's many OT types of Christ's death

1 OT sacrifices

2 Abraham offering Isaac on the altar

3 Moses' fiery bronze serpent lifted up is a type of the cross (Num 21:7-9; Jn 3:14,15)

4 The Mercy Seat

~ Why is this important? Because his death accomplishes atonement

~ This is the first of three predictions by Christ concerning his death

~ In each reference Christ gets more specific concerning his death

~ There are two things Christ predicts 1) his death 2) his resurrection

~ This came as a shock to the disciples

~ The disciples expected a political deliverer

~ The components of Christ's prediction - We have several things here

1 Son of God

2 Suffering and rejection

3 The people behind the plot (elders, chief priests and scribes)

4 The outcome of this suffering and rejection – death

5 The glorious outcome of Christ's death - resurrection

~ The question then arises why was this prediction and fulfillment necessary?

1 It was necessary for Christ to deal with the sin issue

2 The purpose of the incarnation is the crucifixion

- Gen 3:15 The first mention of redemption speaks of the cross.
- Matt 1:21-23 Jesus will save his people from their sins.
- John 12:27 Jesus said for this purpose I came – speaks of the cross.
- Rom 8:3 Condemned sin in the flesh.
- Gal 4:4,5 Redeem those under the law.
- Heb 2:9 by the suffering of death he tasted death for every man.
- Heb 2:14 destroy the devil that had the power of death and deliver from fear.

- Heb 2:17 to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.
- Heb 10:5-7 to do the will of God by being made a sacrifice.
- 1 John 3:8 For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

3 Take up your cross (v34-38) <What do we think about what Christ has done?>

Following Context

~ Peter rebukes Jesus for this plan (Mk 8:32-33)

Mk 8:32 And Peter took him, and began to rebuke him. 8:33 But when he had turned about and looked on his disciples, he rebuked Peter, saying, Get thee behind me, Satan: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men.

~ Take up your cross (Mk 8:34-38)

Mar 8:34 And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

Mar 8:35 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.

Mar 8:36 For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

Mar 8:37 Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

Mar 8:38 Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

~ Why is this important? Because Jesus' death on the cross for salvation serves as an example of discipleship for the Christian life

~ To be a disciple one must first believe on the Lord Jesus.

~ Once a believer we follow Christ

~ Following Christ is about having a relationship with Christ

~ Salvation, Sanctification and Service

The misunderstandings of Christ's prediction

1 First Prediction

Christ announces his death upon the declaration that Christ is God. As God he's qualified to die a righteous death

2 Second Prediction

After hearing Christ announce his death the disciples argue about who's the greatest

3 Third Prediction

After hearing Christ announce his death the disciples argue about their future position in the kingdom

Second Prediction (Mk 9:30-32)

Mar 9:30 And they departed thence, and passed through Galilee; and he would not that any man should know it.

Mar 9:31 For he taught his disciples, and said unto them, The Son of man is delivered into the hands of men, and they shall kill him; and after that he is killed, he shall rise the third day.

Mar 9:32 But they understood not that saying, and were afraid to ask him.

Previous Context

Jesus shows that faith has power of a demon (Mk 9:14-29)

Following Context

~ Who is the greatest (Mk 9:33-37)

Mar 9:33 And he came to Capernaum: and being in the house he asked them, What was it that ye disputed among yourselves by the way?

Mar 9:34 But they held their peace: for by the way they had disputed among themselves, who should be the greatest.

Mar 9:35 And he sat down, and called the twelve, and saith unto them, If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all.

Mar 9:36 And he took a child, and set him in the midst of them: and when he had taken him in his arms, he said unto them,

Mar 9:37 Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me.

Third Prediction (Mk 10:32-34)

V32 And they were in the way going up to Jerusalem; and Jesus went before them: and they were amazed; and as they followed, they were afraid. And he took again the twelve, and began to tell them what things should happen unto him,

V33 Saying, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be delivered unto the chief priests, and unto the scribes; and they shall condemn him to death, and shall deliver him to the Gentiles:

V34 And they shall mock him, and shall scourge him, and shall spit upon him, and shall kill him: and the third day he shall rise again.

Previous Context

~ Possession and the kingdom (Mk 10:23-31)

Following Context

~ James and John request to sit on Jesus' left and right hand (Mk 10:35-45)

Summary

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Conclusion

1 Jesus is god (We know who Christ is)

~ As God Jesus is qualified to die to atone for sin

2 Jesus' death is the death that matters most because he is God (We know what Christ has done)

~ Sin is the reason Christ had to die

3 We so often misunderstand the plan of God (What do we think of what Christ has done?)

~ We misunderstand discipleship because we don't understand God

~ Each occurrence of Christ predicting his death the disciples misunderstood it

1 Mk 8 – Peter began to rebuke Jesus for speaking of his death.

~ Peter was more concerned his misconception about God's plan

~ Problem with this is there's more concern for our own plan

~ This means we can be the instrument of satan because of our obsession with our plan and not God's

2 Mk 9 – The disciples were arguing over who's the greatest

~ Disciples had more concern about who's the best

~ Problem with this is there's no humility

3 Mk 10 – The disciples were asking Jesus for position of power seated next to Christ in the kingdom

~ Disciples had more concern for position and power

~ This kind of obsession takes away the spirit of being a servant

The answer to these misconceptions about the plan of God is to take up our cross and follow Christ

~ The cross isn't simply a relic we wear around our neck but it's a historical fact

~ The cross is God's method of dealing with sin, pride, power, selfishness,

~ Will we believe Christ and follow him as a disciple and take up our cross?

Mk 9:2-13 (Transfiguration)

And after six days Jesus taketh with him Peter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves: and he was transfigured before them.

Mar 9:3 And his raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow; so as no fuller on earth can white them.

Mar 9:4 And there appeared unto them Elias with Moses: and they were talking with Jesus.

Mar 9:5 And Peter answered and said to Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.

Mar 9:6 For he wist not what to say; for they were sore afraid.

Mar 9:7 And there was a cloud that overshadowed them: and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him.

Mar 9:8 And suddenly, when they had looked round about, they saw no man any more, save Jesus only with themselves.

Mar 9:9 And as they came down from the mountain, he charged them that they should tell no man what things they had seen, till the Son of man were risen from the dead.

Mar 9:10 And they kept that saying with themselves, questioning one with another what the rising from the dead should mean.

Mar 9:11 And they asked him, saying, Why say the scribes that Elias must first come?

Mar 9:12 And he answered and told them, Elias verily cometh first, and restoreth all things; and how it is written of the Son of man, that he must suffer many things, and be set at nought.

Mar 9:13 But I say unto you, That Elias is indeed come, and they have done unto him whatsoever they listed, as it is written of him.