

A Matter of Life and Death

Mark 8:31-9:1

1. Our Concept of _____ Must Change (v. 31-33)

- a. Necessity of Christ's _____
 - i. Must _____ many things
 - ii. Thrown out in the _____
 - By _____ (laymen)
 - By _____
 - By _____
 - iii. _____
 - iv. _____ after three days
- b. Necessity of Christ's _____
 - i. _____'s rebuke
 - ii. _____' rebuke

2. Our Life's _____ Must Change (v. 34-9:1)

- a. For _____ Who Believes
- b. Renouncement of _____
 - i. Take up _____ and follow Jesus
 - ii. Indicates _____ stuff
 - Willing to suffer _____, reputation
 - Willing to risk _____
 - On account of "____ and the Gospel"
 - Risk of an earthly/material "_____"
- c. No _____ of Christ
- d. _____ in Christ
 - i. The _____ Coming (v. 38)
 - ii. The coming of God's _____ in power
 - The _____
 - The _____
 - The _____ and/or _____

And he said to all, 'If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Kingdom of God.'

Luke 9:23-27

Notes for Further Study

1. Verse 29 in Mark 8 is a turning point in the Gospel. For the first time, it is plainly stated that Jesus is the Christ. Look at verse 31. He **began** to teach them...
 - a. Read Isaiah 52:13-53:12. What was content of the teaching Jesus began with His disciples?
 - b. Read Mark 9:30-32 and 10:32-34. How important is this teaching? Did the disciples understand it?
 - c. Why did Peter initially reject this? Read Matthew 4:1-11. Why this terrible rebuke by Jesus?
 - d. Do we ever deserve such a rebuke? Are there times we think about "man's things" and not "God's things?"
2. What is significant about "calling the crowd to Him" in v. 34? Is the risk associated with faith just for "full-time workers?"
 - a. To "deny" is also to "renounce." In what ways have you had to do this in your own life?
 - b. Read Luke's account above. He adds what time-related word in verse 23? How does this change the level of commitment that Jesus is talking about?
 - c. Read Psalm 49:7-9. Discuss ways in which we try to "ransom" or "purchase" our lives. This is impossible.
 - d. In what ways have you been ashamed of Christ? In what ways have you tried to "gain the world?"
3. Read Mark 8:38-9:1. Do these verses describe one event?
 - a. Verse 38 describes the final judgment of Christ. He will separate the sheep and the goats. Who will stand?
 - b. Verse 1 is not the final judgment. How can we tell? What is the event? (New birth? Resurrection? Pentecost? Transfiguration?) Read Matthew 4:17; 27:51-54; Acts 1:8.
 - c. How is Jesus describing "life and death" in these verses?