

Jesus Predicts His Death - Mark 8:31-9:1

Topics: Denial, Disagreements, Eternal Life, Gospel, Preparation, Rewards, Sacrifice, Second Coming, Suffering, Temptation

Open It

- * 1. In what ways has your life been different from what you expected?
- 2. How do unrealistic expectations block people from following Christ?

EXPLORE

- 3. Who referred to Himself as the “Son of Man”? (8:31)
- 4. What did Jesus teach the disciples? (8:31)
- 5. How did Jesus speak about what would happen to Him? (8:32)
- 6. Why did Peter rebuke Jesus? (8:32)
- 7. How was what Jesus predicted different from what Peter expected? (8:32)
- 8. What surprised Peter? (8:32)
- * 9. Who rebuked whom? Why? (8:32-33)
- 10. What did Jesus say to Peter in response to his rebuke? (8:33)
- 11. Why did Jesus rebuke Peter? (8:33)
- 12. Why did Jesus speak harshly with Peter? (8:33)
- * 13. In what way did Peter have in mind the “things of man” as opposed to the “things of God”? (8:33)
- 14. What was wrong with Peter’s thinking? (8:33)
- 15. What did Jesus do after rebuking Peter? (8:34)
- * 16. What did Jesus want His disciples to do? (8:34-35)
- 17. Why did Jesus say, “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me”? (8:34-38)
- 18. How did Jesus refer to the people to whom He was speaking? (8:38)
- 19. How will Jesus come back to earth? (8:38)
- 20. What promise was given to Jesus’ audience? (9:1)

Get It

- 21. When have you ever doubted the words of Jesus?
- 22. In what ways has Christ rebuked you in the past?
- * 23. Why does Christ ask us to “deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow” Him?
- 24. What does it mean to deny yourself?
- 25. What does it mean to take up your cross?
- 26. What does it mean to follow Christ?
- 27. In what way can a person both save his life and lose it at the same time?
- 28. What did Jesus mean when He said, “Some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power”? (9:1)
- 29. How do you usually respond to the Lord’s correction or discipline in your life?
- * 30. How can we make sure we “have in mind the things of God”?
- 31. What do you think Christ wants you to give up for the sake of the gospel?
- 32. What does it mean to be ashamed of Christ?
- 33. In what ways does Satan tempt us to do the opposite of what Christ wants for us?

Apply It

- * 34. What attitude or practice do you need to change in obedience to Christ?
- 35. What specific steps can you take to listen closely to Christ this week?