

The Gospel According to Mark

Losing Your Life to Save It

Mark 8:27 - 9:1



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Introduction:

I. MAKING YOUR CONFESSION (8:27-33)

A. Common Misconceptions (vs. 27-28)

“Jesus went out, along with His disciples, to the villages of Caesarea Philippi...”

“and on the way He questioned His disciples, saying to them, ‘Who do people say that I am?’”

“They told Him, saying, ‘John the Baptist; and others say Elijah; but others, one of the prophets.’ ”



B. Peter's Great Confession (vs. 29-31)

“And He continued by questioning them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ ”

“Peter answered and said to Him, ‘You are the Christ.’ ”

“And He warned them to tell no one about Him.”

“And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.”

- seven passion predictions in Mark: 8:30-33; 9:30-32; 10:32-34, 45; 12:1-12; 14:3-9, 22-31

C. Peter's Miserable Confrontation (vs. 32-33)

“And He was stating the matter plainly. And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him.”

“But turning around and seeing His disciples, He rebuked Peter and said, ‘Get behind Me, Satan...’ ”

“ ‘for you are not setting your mind on God’s interests, but man’s.’ ”

II. TAKING UP YOUR CROSS (8:34 - 9:1)

A. The Principle: *The Self-Centered Life Must Be Denied* (vs. 34)

“And He summoned the crowd with His disciples, and said to them...”

“ ‘If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me.’ ”

B. The Paradox: *The Safe Life Must Be Abandoned* (vs. 35-37)

“ ‘For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it.’ ”

“ ‘For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul?’ ”

“ ‘For what will a man give in exchange for his soul?’ ”

C. The Prospect: *The Self-Serving Life Must Be Corrected* (vs. 38 & 1)

“ ‘For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.’ ”

“And Jesus was saying to them, ‘Truly I say to you, there are some of those who are standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God after it has come with power.’ ”

“Why should you deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow Jesus? 1) Because you will save your life for eternity even though you lose it now. Here is a savings account with better returns than you ever dreamed of (v 35). 2) Because your life is much more valuable than the whole world; so do not be gulled into making a foolish deal (v 36). 3) Because once you have lost your life, there is no buying it back, no matter how much you offer. The opportunity to invest in futures is now; do not let it slip by (v 37). 4) Because when the tables are turned on this hostile world, when the glorious Son of man comes with the approval of God his Father and with the holy angels as his army, you will want to be on his side, not on the world’s side.”
– Robert Gundry

Conclusion: