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Road to the Cross – Jesus Suffering Foretold

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Mark 10:32-34

32 They were on the road going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking on ahead of them; and they were amazed, and those who followed were fearful. And again He took the twelve aside and began to tell them what was going to happen to Him, 33 saying, “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and will hand Him over to the Gentiles. 34 “They will mock Him and spit on Him, and scourge Him and kill Him, and three days later He will rise again.” (NASB)

Jesus begins His journey to Jerusalem and for the third time Jesus predicts His betrayal, death, and resurrection.

The picture that we see in verse 32 is of a group of people, much larger than the twelve, traveling to Jerusalem. While many in this group were most likely following Jesus, others may have been on their way to Jerusalem for the Passover Festival. Jerusalem is at an elevation greater than 2500 feet above sea level so any trip there was ‘going up to Jerusalem’.

Jesus was leading the way. He knew what was to happen in Jerusalem and was determined to go. The group knew that they and Jesus were heading into enemy territory and were amazed (confused) and fearful (frightened).

Jesus then takes the twelve aside to tell them what was going to happen to Him in Jerusalem. While He, Jesus, spoke to many people during His earthly ministry; His focus was with the twelve. The twelve, minus Judas, would be given the Great Commission.

But the eleven disciples proceeded to Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had designated. When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some were doubtful. And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations,

baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Matthew 28: 16-20

In verses 33 and 34 Jesus repeats for the third time (prior in Mk. 9:31 and 8:31 – similar passages in Lk.18:31-34, 9:43-48, 9:22 and Mt.20:17-19; 17: 22, 23; 16:21) that He, the Son of Man, would be delivered (betrayed) to the chief priest and scribes; they will condemn Him to death. He will be handed to the Gentiles. For a Jew to be hand to the Gentile would be the highest rejection and dishonor that one’s own people could lay on him.

Jesus then tells how the Gentile would mock him, scourge him (flog, beat with a whip), spit upon him and kill him. However, the third day he would rise again. Each of the three times that Jesus shared His death, He also shared His resurrection.

The disciples did not understand the resurrection (Mk. 9:10). Additionally, James and John, two of the three closest to Jesus, appear to be insensitive to the divine information that they have just received and ask (v. 35-37) to be seated on the right and left of Jesus in His Glory. They did not understand what was about to take place soon in Jerusalem.

For Your Consideration:

- How do you think that you would have reacted to Jesus divine information regarding His betrayal, death, and resurrection?
- When you share your faith with another, is it now easier to understand their potential lack of understanding of the resurrection?

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