

Who Do You Say I Am?

Sunday, February 18, 2018

Mark 8:27-37

He Then Began to Teach (31)

A New Emphasis – Mark 8:31-38; 9:30-37; 10:32-45

You are the Messiah (29)

WHEN this new emphasis begins

Disciples Dawning Awareness – “Who Is This” Theme

Reflection

It matters Who we think Jesus is

Jesus **right** and **ability** to teach and challenge

He can uniquely address our bad thinking

He Must be Killed (31)

WHAT is the new emphasis?

Dying Messiah

Deconstructing Ideas of Messiah

Assumed Picture of Messiah → Rebuking

Reflection

Our misconceptions – Useful, Helpful Religion

Jesus on Human Suffering and Human Thriving

Jesus has resources to stop human suffering

He wants that! But wants something more ...

Take Up Your Cross (34)

Why this new emphasis?

Kind of Messiah → Kind of Follower

Calling Disciples to a different kind of life

More next week, But notice – Cross Shaped

Take up your Cross

This has become a metaphor – Imagine how first Disciples heard it

Radically different way to live ...

Lent – Week 1

Reading - Mark 8:31; 34-38 (NIV)

³¹ He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again.

³⁴ Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. ³⁶ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? ³⁷ Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ³⁸ If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father’s glory with the holy angels.”

A Collect for the First Sunday in Lent

Almighty God,

whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit

to be tempted by Satan;

Come quickly to help us

who are assaulted by many temptations;

and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us,

let each one find you mighty to save;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

Amen.