

Eastridge Church
Sermon Study Questions

Series - Mark: The Untold Story of Jesus

Week 24: Jesus' Way Forward

Passage: Mark 8:31-9:1



Conversation Starter:

What is one of the most challenging things you have taken on? Either in life or at work?

Pastor Dwain pointed out that it wasn't the worst of humanity or the bumbler of society that crucified Jesus. Instead, it was the Jewish religious leaders and the Roman court. *Why is it important that it is "the best of humanity" that crucified Jesus? What does this say about the notion of human virtue and progress and the reality of sin?*

One of the first points of the sermon was the following:

Suffering is the tip of Jesus' spear against Satan.

Re-read Mark 8:31. What are two things that Jesus says the Son of Man must do? In your own words, why did Jesus have to suffer and be rejected for us to have a relationship with God?

*Re-read Mark 8:32-33. Peter and the disciples seem to completely miss that fact that Jesus told them plainly that he would rise again after three days. If we are honest with ourselves, we can't blame them for this because we have the privilege of being on the other side of His resurrection. *Why did Peter pull Jesus aside and rebuke Him? Why does Jesus respond so strongly to the rebuke of Peter? What did the disciples believe that the Messiah was going to accomplish upon his arrival and ascent to power? How is this different from what Jesus tells them His "end-game" is?**

Finally, Pastor Dwain reminded us to *think about the following things* so that we can be resilient now:

- *Know your purpose today and your true enemy*
- *Take care of others: reach out to friends, family, neighbors, give to Helping Hands – CSC, Helping Hands COVID-19, buy gift cards, tip big, go for a walk.*
- *Teach your children*
- *Be still and pray... Be safe and care*

Close your time in prayer, asking that God would help you see His "end-game" clearly and to display gospel-love during this time.

Resources to dig deeper:

[Resilient Faith](#) by Gerald Sittser