

The Suffering Son of Man

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As the Son of God and the Suffering Servant, Jesus must deny Himself, suffer many things, and take up His cross in order to purchase our salvation, and therefore we must do the same if we are to be truly saved by Him. But suffering is always in light of the certain hope of glory!

I. The Son of Man Will Suffer – Read Mark 8:31-33

- A. In what ways does Mark 8:31 signify a major transition in the Gospel of Mark?
- B. After reading Daniel 7:9-14, what is so shocking about Jesus' statement in verse 31?
- C. List all the different things that are wonderful for the believer regarding Jesus' commitment to suffer many things, be killed, and rise on the third day. How is Isaiah 53 helpful to this list?
- D. From the disciples' perspective, how is Peter's rebuke of Jesus totally understandable? From a spiritual perspective, how is Peter's rebuke of Jesus consistent with the work of Satan?

II. The Disciples of Jesus Will Suffer – Read Mark 8:34-9:1

- A. What's the connection between Jesus' call to discipleship in v.34 and His statement in v.31?
- B. How is Jesus' call to discipleship "radical"? How have we made the normal Christian life less radical than what the Bible declares? How have you personally made the call less radical?
- C. What four reasons does Jesus give for being willing to embrace His call to discipleship?
- D. How does the world entice you to live a self-centered life? How would you like to grow in living a gospel-driven life that whole-heartedly embraces the cost of discipleship?

III. The Son of Man Will Be Glorified – Read Mark 9:2-13

- A. What do you think is the connection between Mark 8:38 and Mark 9:1?
- B. What do you think is the significance of the transfiguration in this specific context in Mark? How do you think the transfiguration is connected to Daniel 7:9-14 and the Son of Man?
- C. How do you think you're doing with God the Father's declaration, "This is beloved Son; listen to Him"? What are all the other voices in your life that you tempted to listen to?
- D. Read 2 Corinthians 4:17. What momentary light afflictions is God using right now in your life to better prepare you for the eternal weight of glory that is coming in the future?