

Mark 10:32-34

The Cross: The Wisdom of God Revealed

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Jesus Travels The Road To Jerusalem

Mark 10:32 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.

Isaiah 50:7 For the Lord GOD helps Me, Therefore, I am not disgraced; Therefore, I have set My face like flint, and I know that I will not be ashamed.

The Son of Man Is To Be Killed?

Mark 10:33-34 He 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. They will mock Him and spit on Him, and scourge Him and kill Him, and three days later He will rise again.

Summary: Failure To Understand God's Plan

Mark 8:31 Death + Resurrection

Reaction: Peter rebukes Jesus!

Mark 9:31 Death + Resurrection

Reaction: Disciples argue about who is greatest!

Mark 10:34 Death + Resurrection

Reaction: Disciples demand future status!

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Application

► We must believe, proclaim, and defend the cross of Christ as the only way of salvation despite the world's reaction.

1. Liberal Christianity+
2. Emergent/New Age Spirituality
3. Islam
4. Cults

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The Cross Is Foolishness To Those Perishing

Isaiah 55:8-9 For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,+declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.

1 Corinthians 1:18 For the word of the cross is **foolishness** to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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The Necessity of The Cross

God's Justice And Mercy

Psalm 89:14 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; Lovingkindness and truth go before You.

1. What is right corresponds to goodness outside of God.

2. What is right corresponds to God's nature.

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The Cross Foretold In The Old Testament

Genesis 22:14 Abraham called the name of that place The LORD Will Provide, as it is said to this day, %a the mount of the LORD it will be provided.+

Leviticus 17:11 For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood by reason of the life that makes atonement.q

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Psalm 22:16-18 For dogs have surrounded me; A band of evildoers has encompassed me; they pierced my hands and my feet. I can count all my bones. They look, they stare at me; they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.

Isaiah 53:5-6 He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquitiesō All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him.

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The Cross Foretold In The Old Testament

Zechariah 3:8-9 Now listen, Joshua the high priest, you and your friends who are sitting in front of you- indeed they are men who are a symbol, for behold, I am going to bring in **My servant the Branch**. For behold, the stone that I have set before Joshua; on one stone are seven eyes. Behold, I will engrave an inscription on it, declares the LORD of hosts, **and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.**

Zechariah 12:10 I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that **they will look on Me whom they have pierced**; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son

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Attacking The Cross Is Attacking God's Character

God's Righteousness

Romans 3:25 God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. This was **to demonstrate His righteousness**, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed

God's Love

Romans 5:7-8 For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. But **God demonstrates His own love toward us**, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

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The Cross Must Not Be Foolish To Us!

1 Corinthians 1:22-25 For indeed Jews ask for signs and Greeks search for wisdom; but **we preach Christ crucified**, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, **Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God**. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

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