

## Eagle Ridge Lake Elsinore — July 12, 2020

### “The Gospel of Mark” (Mark 10:32-52)

#### Introduction

- LAST WEEK: Through the example of the Rich Young Ruler. Jesus taught us that the accumulation of wealth can keep us from focusing on what truly matters...life in Jesus and following Him!
  - A continuation of teaching related to Humility, Trust, and Obedience. Jesus will continue to teach that as He continues to head towards Jerusalem.

#### Scripture Reading (Mark 10:32-52)

#### Verses 32-34

**32** And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, **33** saying, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. **34** And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise.”

- 3rd times a charm, right? Not so much...
  - **Luke 18:34**, “But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.”
- Chart of Predictions

		<b>1st Prediction</b> (8:31—9:29)	<b>2nd Prediction</b> (9:30—10:31)	<b>3rd Prediction</b> (10:32-52)	<b>Passion narrative</b> (14:1—15:47)
<b>1</b>	Handing over to the Sanhedrin		9:31	10:33	14:53
<b>2</b>	Condemnation by the Sanhedrin	8:31		10:33	14:64
<b>3</b>	Handing over to the Romans			10:33	15:1
<b>4</b>	Mocking, spitting, and scourging	9:12		10:34	14:64; 15:15, 16-20
<b>5</b>	Execution	8:31	9:31	10:34	15:24, 37
<b>6</b>	Resurrection	8:31; 9:9	9:31	10:34	16:1-8

#### Verses 35-37

**35** And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” **36** And he said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?” **37** And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.”

- In the first prediction **[Ch. 8]**, Peter is rebuked for his focus on self and opposition to God's will.
- In the second prediction **[Ch. 9]**, the disciples ignored the warning and conversed about who would be the greatest.
- In the third prediction, 2 disciples seek positions of self-righteous honor in Jesus' kingdom.
  - James and John were Jesus' cousins and felt, as family members, they deserved these high-ranking positions.

### Verses 38-40

**38** Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" **39** And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, **40** but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

- Jesus redirects their thinking to what it truly means to experience what He will.
  - **"Drink the cup"** = symbol of trouble and suffering
    - **Habakkuk 2:16**, "You will have your fill of shame instead of glory. Drink, yourself, and show your uncircumcision! The cup in the Lord's right hand will come around to you, and utter shame will come upon your glory!"
    - **Revelation 14:10**, "he also will drink the wine of God's wrath, poured full strength into the cup of his anger..."
  - **"Baptism"** = enveloped/fully immersed in trouble
    - **Psalms 69:2**, "I sink in deep mire, where there is no foothold; I have come into deep waters, and the flood sweeps over me."
- Affirming they could endure all that Christ would show they showed their complete lack of understanding in what He meant/predicted
  - People will often promise to do what they can't pay in order to receive what they selfishly desire... This is Pride.
  - James would eventually be killed for his faith **[Acts 12:2]**
  - We're informed through extra-biblical historical accounts that John would survive being thrown in to boiling oil.
- **RECALL:** last week's promise of persecution **[John 16:33]**; Humility and Service mark a faithful follower of Jesus.

### Verses 41-44

**41** And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. **42** And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. **43** But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, **44** and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all.

- The other 10 get angry at Jesus and John.
  - Angry for pushing their way to the front of the line? Jesus just taught about the first being last.
  - Were they incensed with jealousy because they were not family, and therefore felt they would be left out?
- Jesus once again redirects their attention to the purpose of service... HOW we are to serve.
  - If anyone wants to be great in God's kingdom, they need to be last & least in the eyes of the world.
    - **Mark 10:31**, "But many who are first will be last, and the last first."
  - Social class, economic status, popularity, or authority are not things to be desired more than serving others for the sake of the gospel.
    - **Luke 9:48**, "For he who is least among you all is the one who is great."

### Verse 45

**45** For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

- The thesis statement of the whole gospel of Mark, and our lives as servants of Jesus Christ!
- Jesus came to seek and save the lost.
- Jesus came to give us abundant life.
- Jesus came to save those who are spiritually sick.
- Jesus gave up His life to ransom ours.
  - This speaks of release **[from our bondage to sin]** and redemption **[salvation gained]**
  - This means a price was paid for your freedom.
- **LAST WEEK: Romans 6:23**, "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."
  - **John 3:16**, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."
  - **1 John 3:16**, "By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers."
- **EVALUATION:** The question is not "are you suffering enough as a Christian?"... Rather, "are you serving others in the image of Jesus?"
  - We are to seek to love and serve others, and sacrifice pride, earthly glory, status, and the accumulation of the world's riches in order to make that happen.
  - How are you serving others?

### Contrasts between a Helper and a Servant

A Helper	A Servant
A helper helps others when it is convenient.	A servant serves others even when it is inconvenient.
A helper helps people that he or she likes.	A servant serves even people that he or she dislikes.
A helper helps when he or she enjoys the work.	A servant serves even when he or she dislikes the work.
A helper helps with a view to obtaining personal satisfaction.	A servant serves even when he or she receives no personal satisfaction.
A helper helps with an attitude of assisting another.	A servant serves with an attitude of enabling another.

### Verses 46-52

**46** And they came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. **47** And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" **48** And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" **49** And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart. Get up; he is calling you." **50** And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. **51** And Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" And the blind man said to him, "Rabbi, let me recover my sight." **52** And Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.

- Bartimaeus sat by the road begging. He was blind and therefore shunned by society for his 'sins'. He resorted to begging in order to live.
- He heard the commotion and was told it was Jesus of Nazareth.
  - From that title and what he knew of Him, his faith is revealed in his address, "Jesus, Son of David." **[messianic title]**
- Although rebuked and told to be quiet, he cried out all the more!
  - Society could not keep him from lifting up the true name and identity of Jesus.
  - Proving those that could see were the ones truly blind to who Jesus really is!
- What did this man reveal about himself? Trust and Dependency on Christ as the only one that could save him!
  - **RESULT:** Blind faith led to practical discipleship.
- **Vs. 36:** Jesus asked those that could see and had daily access to Him, "What do you want me to do for you?"
  - Lack of faith led to prideful arrogance, seeking advantage for selfish gain.
- **Vs. 51:** Jesus asked the blind beggar, who by all accounts was never around Jesus, "What do you want me to do for you?"
  - Full faith in Jesus' lordship **[Rabbi = Lord and Master]** made him well.
- What I LOVE about this interaction!
  - Jesus heals Bartimaeus, and tells him to "Go your way.."
  - Bartimaeus' response, "My way is now your way. I will follow you." **[comparison to the rich young ruler]**

- **John 14:6**, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

<b>Rich Young Ruler</b>	<b>Blind Begger</b>
Rich	Poor
Prideful in position and ‘spirituality’	Humble in poverty
Trusted in wealth	Trusted in Jesus
Dependent on all he had	Dependent on Jesus, who alone could give him what he needed.
Unwilling to sacrifice and walked away in shame	Had nothing to give, and gratefully followed Jesus.

### **Prayer/Response**

- This is what it all boils down to:
  - There is nothing that this world can offer us that provide us lasting joy and contentment. We’ll always be striving for more.
  - By giving up what the world says we should have, we find everything in Jesus!
  - **Luke 9:23-25**, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?”