

Sermon Outline

REJECTING AND RECEIVING JESUS: A MESSIAH WHO MUST DIE | Geoffrey Lin

Bible Reading: Mark 8:22-9:1 (p.1437)

"Every church member wanting to read Mark 1-2-1 evangelistically in 2025"

"Meet Jesus"		
27/7	Rejecting and receiving Jesus: no honour at home	Mk 6:1-56
3/8	Rejecting and receiving Jesus: from Israel's elite to foreigners and outcasts	Mk 7:1-37
10/8	Rejecting and receiving Jesus: this entire generation (almost)	Mk 8:1-26
17/8	Rejecting and receiving Jesus: a Messiah who must die	Mk 8:22-9:1

1. The blind man sees (eventually) (8:22-26)

2. Peter sees (sort of) (8:27-33)

Part 1: "who do you say I am?" (vv27-30)

Mk 6:14 King Herod heard about this, for Jesus' name had become well known. Some were saying, "**John the Baptist** has been raised from the dead, and that is why miraculous powers are at work in him." 15 Others said, "He is **Elijah**." And still others claimed, "He is a **prophet**, like one of the prophets of long ago."

Mk 1:1 The beginning of the good news about Jesus the **Messiah** [lit. anointed one], the Son of God ...

Mk 1:14 After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. 15 "The time has come," he said. "The **kingdom** of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

Part 2: "get behind me, Satan" (vv31-33)

Mk 3:6 Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus.

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Mk 1:12 At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, 13 and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

3. Jesus says, "whoever wants to be my disciple ..." (8:34-9:1)

i. you must deny yourself, take up your cross and follow Him ... (8:34)

"When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die" (Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship*)

ii. but whoever loses their life for Jesus and for the gospel will save it (8:35-9:1)

Q. What qualifies Jesus to speak with such authority about eternity?

"There are no crown-wearers in heaven who are not cross-bearers below" (Charles Spurgeon)

Q. Why would anyone want to be a disciple of Jesus? Why would anyone follow Him?

i. Because the alternative our world offers is a lie

<https://au.thegospelcoalition.org/article/introducing-pain-pleasure-worldview/>

ii. Because everyone understands "sacrifice now" so as to gain a later and greater reward

Rom 8:18 I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

iii. Because following Jesus means He's ALWAYS nearby (wherever you might go)

1 Pet 2:21 To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

1 Pet 5:10 And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. 11 To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Where to, from here?

Pray daily for 2 mins for 2 friends

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"Mark illuminated" (Fri 22 August)

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