

Mark's Gospel—Jesus' True Identity Reveals the Magnitude of His Sacrifice

10:30 Morning Worship Service:

Mark 8:29-38

Come and Die!

Jesus Is the Christ Who Conquers Death by Dying.

1. Jesus Is the Christ Who Must Go to the Cross (29-31).

2. His Followers Must Join Him in Death (32-34).

3. Resurrection Frees Us to Take Up Our Cross (35-38).

Conclusion: We all have ideas of how God could have rescued us from sin and death, but no one would have dreamed of the God of all heaven and earth suffering, being rejected, and dying in order to do so. Yet, this is how the Father said He would do it and so Jesus said He must do exactly that. Not only was self-sacrifice the way the Father sent the Son to walk, but likewise all who would follow Him. The way of the cross is the only way to resurrection. Let us set our mind on the things of God and so joyfully follow our Savior!

Isaiah 53:4-11

⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and *the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he opened not his mouth.

⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered
that *he was cut off out of the land of the living*, stricken for the transgression of my people?

⁹ And they *made his grave with the wicked* and with a rich man in his death,
although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief;
when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;
the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

¹¹ Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied;
by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,
make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

Romans 12:1-3

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, *to present your bodies as a living sacrifice*, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you *not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think*, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

Hosea 6:1-3

¹ “Come, let us return to the Lord; for he has torn us, that he may heal us;
he has struck us down, and he will bind us up.

² After two days he will revive us; on *the third day he will raise us up*, that we may live before him.

³ Let us know; let us press on to know the Lord; his going out is sure as the dawn;
he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth.”

Psalms 118:19-23

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness, *that I may enter through them* and give thanks to the Lord.

²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord; *the righteous shall enter through it.*

²¹ I thank you that you have answered me and have *become my salvation.*

²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

²³ This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

First Peter 2:4-5

⁴ As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵ you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.