

# Mark Chapter 10

Sundays 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> of October 2018

“And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them....” Mark 10:32

## I. ARE YOU GOING THE WAY OF THE CROSS?

### A. The Christian Year Reenacts the Life of Christ

1. Every society, family and individual has a story
2. Are you ready to let *his* story be *your* story?

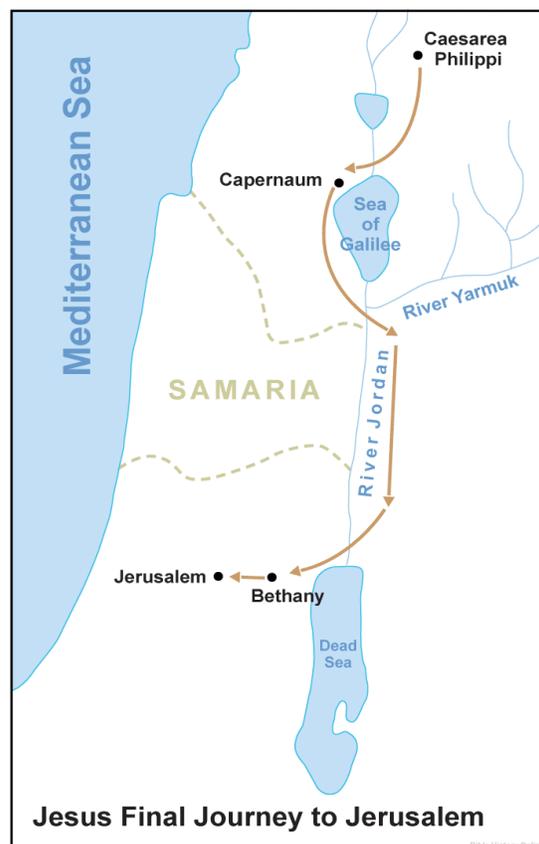
## II. THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL OF MARK

### A. Mark: The Gospel Story in Three Acts

1. 1.1 - 9.50 Jesus' Ministry in Galilee - “throwing down the gauntlet” - *witness to the world*
2. 10.1 - 10.52 Jesus' Journey - setting forth the example - *conforming our lives*
3. 11.1 - end Passion Week and the Cross - winning the prize - *paying the price/receiving the reward*

## III. THE MEANING OF JOURNEY - MARK 10

### A. Where Was He Going?



## B. What Was He Going to Do?

### 1. The first Revelation:

<sup>31</sup> And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." <sup>34</sup> And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. (Mark 8)

### 2. The second Revelation:

<sup>30</sup> They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he did not want anyone to know, <sup>31</sup> for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise."

<sup>32</sup> But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him. (Mark 9)

### 3. Third Revelation:

<sup>32</sup> 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, <sup>33</sup> 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. <sup>34</sup> And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise." (Mark 10)

## C. What Did the Disciples Later Understand the Journey to Mean?

1. Jesus' Final Example – ***Who is your hero?***

2. Complete intentionality – ***Or couch-potato Christian?***

## D. The Overall Assessment of Jesus' Steps in Mark 10:

1. Jesus' life purpose was do the will of God – ***What is yours?***

2. Jesus lived daily, coherently doing the Father's will – ***Are you scattered or focused?***

3. Final opportunity for the disciples to consider – ***What is this going to cost?***

***What is there to gain?***

### III. WHAT DOES GOING TO THE CROSS ACTUALLY LOOK LIKE?

#### A. Hard Things!

#### B. Marriage is Hard:

1. Life's most refining experience
2. Do you know what it is to feel you've "not been heard"?

<sup>35</sup> *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."* <sup>36</sup> *And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?"* (Mark 10)

#### 3. Learning to be a servant

<sup>2</sup> *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."* <sup>43</sup> *But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant,* <sup>44</sup> *and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all.* (Mark 10)

#### C. Setting Aside Self-will Is a Life-long Process

<sup>13</sup> *And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them.* <sup>14</sup> *But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God."* <sup>15</sup> *Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."* <sup>16</sup> *And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.* (Mark 10)

#### D. Facing the Truth about Wealth Runs counter to Our Innate Desires

<sup>23</sup> *And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!"* <sup>24</sup> *And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God!"* <sup>25</sup> *It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God."* (Mark 10)

1. *We are fabulously wealthy!*
2. *Messages: 'You are without'*
3. *It is impossible to be double hearted - but we are!*

<sup>26</sup> And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can be saved?" <sup>27</sup> Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God." (Mark 10)

***"God make it possible for me to love you through and beyond the world."***

#### **IV. THE REWARD FOR THOSE WHO WILL TAKE THE JOURNEY**

A. God Knows: "whatever you are willing to pay, He is willing to repay."

<sup>29</sup> Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, <sup>30</sup> who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life...." (Mark 10)

B. But the Accounting May Prove to Be Disappointing – (in the short-term)

<sup>31</sup> "... But many who are first will be last, and the last first." (Mark 10)

C. Faith and New Sight: A Blind Beggar

<sup>51</sup> 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." <sup>52</sup> 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. (Mark 10)

1. What do you want Him to do for you?
2. Are you willing to keep asking?
3. Will you spring up and take action?
4. Will your faith be sufficient?
  - ***Faith in spite of your pain & poverty***
  - ***Faith when the world tells you to 'shut-up'***
  - ***Faith to hear the call and spring up***
  - ***Faith to receive new sight and follow Jesus***