

The Gospel of Mark

Lesson 22: Mark 9:30-50

Jesus' second prediction of His death (vv. 30-32)

- Jesus needs time to privately teach His disciples
- With this prediction, Jesus adds the detail about being betrayed
 - The word behind this means to be “delivered” or “handed over”
 - Many see this as done by God, not Judas
 - Interesting contrast between Son of Man and “hands of men”

Matt. 17:22-23
Luke 9:43-45

Who is the greatest? (vv. 33-37)

- The teachings in the balance of this chapter are loosely connected through catchwords and phrases
 - It is likely this is more of a collection than simply chronological
- In ancient societies, children were lowly and not well regarded
 - A child is also a picture of helplessness and vulnerability
 - The “reward” of v. 37 speaks of God’s approval

Matt. 18:1-5
Luke 9:46-48

Considering the greatness dispute, why may the disciples be afraid to ask Jesus about His second death announcement?

Serving in Jesus' name (vv. 38-41)

- This is the only time in the gospel that John speaks alone
- Considering the events 9:14ff, this man is doubly troubling to them

Matt. 10:40-42
Luke 9:49-50

What makes this man different from the ones in Acts 19:13-17?

With Jesus' position as a backdrop, how do we approach denominationalism?

Responding to sin (vv. 42-50)

- To “stumble” can be sin or possibly to not accomplish God’s purposes
- Jesus does not advocate self-mutilation...this is hyperbole
 - The point is physical vs. spiritual (eternal) value
- Verses 44 and 46 are likely later additions; v. 48 quotes Isaiah 66:24
- “seasoned with fire” speaks of purification (think OT sacrifices)

Matt. 18:6-9
Luke 17:1-2

How far can/should we take this “cut it off” instruction?