



The Shocking Plan Behind the Cross

Mark 9:30-32

Three Prophecies

- Jesus' three prophecies to the 12 about His suffering, death, and resurrection.
 - 1) 8:31-32
 - 2) 9:30-33
 - 3) 10:32-34

I. The Context: Jesus Begins the Long Journey to the Cross (30)



The Flow of Jesus' Life & Ministry

- Mark 1-10 = 3 year ministry
- Mark 11:1 = Triumphal Entry
- Mark 11-16 = Passion Week
- Mark 9:30-32 is less than 6 months to the Triumphal Entry.
- In reality, Jesus is beginning His long journey to Jerusalem and to the cross.

Passover 29 AD – Passover 30 AD

- Length: 3rd full year of public ministry
- Major Description:
 - End of the Galilean ministry (about first month)
 - Training of the Twelve (about 6 months)
 - In and out of Jerusalem for three feasts (about 6 months)
 - The final 6 months of His ministry, Jesus was in and out of Jerusalem several times for three different feasts.
 - John 7:30 summarizes this period - they were seeking to seize Him; and no man laid his hand on Him, because His hour had not yet come.
- During these months, Jesus entered Judea three times.
 - 1) To Jerusalem for the Feast of Tabernacles (John 7:2—10:21; November 29 AD)
 - 2) To Jerusalem for the Feast of Dedication (John 10:22-39; December 29 AD)
 - 3) To Bethany to raise Lazarus (John 11:1ff; ca. February 30 AD)

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- Cf. Matt. 17:22 - And while they were gathering together in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men."

II. The Prophecy: Jesus Identifies the Person Behind the Cross (31)

- "To Be Delivered"
 - The Sanhedrin (10:33; 15:1, 10)
 - Pilate (15:15)
 - Judas (3:19; 14:10-11, 18, 21, 41)
- The perpetrator of the suffering of Jesus, of His violent death, and of His resurrection is no one less than God the Father!
 - Acts 2:23
 - Rom. 8:32

"To Be Delivered" in the OT

- Cf. the LXX regarding Isaiah's Suffering Servant—the Messiah.
- Isaiah 53 uses the same Greek word Jesus uses, twice.
 - Is. 53:6 - All we as sheep have gone astray; every one has gone astray in his way; and the Lord gave him up for our sins. (LXE)
 - Is. 53:12 - Therefore he shall inherit many, and he shall divide the spoils of the mighty; because his soul was delivered to death: and he was numbered among the transgressors; and he bore the sins of many, and was delivered because of their iniquities. (LXE)

III. The Veil: Jesus Hides His Meaning from Them (32)

- Cf. Luke 9:45 - But they did not understand this statement, and it was concealed from them so that they would not perceive it; and they were afraid to ask Him about this statement.
- Cf. Matt. 17:23 - and they will kill Him, and He will be raised on the third day." And they were deeply grieved.

Why Jesus' Prophecy?

- 1) To provide hope and comfort to His people.
 - Is. 40:1ff; 1 Th. 4:14-18
- 2) To establish a divine apologetic.
- 3) To emphasize what's truly important.
 - a) The cross is the center of our message.
 - 1 Cor. 1:18-24
 - b) The cross-work of Christ is our only hope.
 - Gal. 6:14