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An Exposition of the Book of Mark



True Greatness

Mark 9:30-41

Overview

- **The Gospel calls for the Son of Man to be Delivered for the Mission**
 - Jesus pulls away and carefully sequesters and teaches Gospel to Disciples
 - Knows these disciples and the proper understanding of this message was dependent upon the advancement of the Kingdom
 - This Kingdom was the establishment of the people and the world He had wanted from the beginning (Gen.)
 - If Jesus is Delivered, there must be a Deliverer and He is God the Father
 - He is being delivered as part of a plan from eternity past to set up the Kingdom, the world God had always wanted, He did not give up
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 - We must see the necessity of the Son of Man to be delivered up
 - Overcome death that sin brought in
 - This was accomplished through the resurrection
 - W/o resurrection. Jesus is no different than other “good teachers”
 - Disciples don't get it and are afraid to ask questions
- **The Gospel calls us to be servants in the Mission**
 - Evidence of the Disciples not getting the Gospel is their jockeying for position of some political kingdom
 - If they properly understood the Gospel they would understand true greatness
 - True Greatness is seeing yourself as last of all, servant of all
 - Placing others as more important than yourself
 - Not just people who can do things for us, but all peoples
 - This is reflected in example of child
 - Child is vulnerable, needy, no status, etc.
 - We must serve all, therein is true greatness
 - Humility is true greatness
- **The Gospel calls us to be unified in the Mission**
 - Disciples continue to illustrate their lack of understanding the Gospel in their trying to stop someone doing good work in the name of Christ
 - Those who are for Christ are not against Christ
 - As the Mission of God advances, those who hold to that one true Gospel should lock arms to advance the Gospel that God would have a people for Himself

Questions

1. Why is it important that the Son of Man be “delivered?”
2. What significance does this have in knowing that Jesus is aware of all of this before it goes down?
3. Why is Jesus so careful to sequester and carefully explain the Gospel?
4. What is the significance to being killed and being resurrected?
5. Before reading this passage, what would you have described as Greatness?
6. How does Jesus illustrate true greatness?
7. What are some practical ways to cultivate true greatness in the day to day?
8. What are some areas of sin that you see yourself as “jockeying for position?”
9. How can we not neglect the importance of doctrine and the one true Gospel and still partner in advancing the Gospel in the Mission of God? Is it wise to partner with other churches w/ different doctrinal confessions? What do we mean by “not just pieces of this Gospel, but all of this Gospel?”
10. How can Restoration Church help advance this Gospel to this city and this world? How can you take part in our churches part in this Mission?