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| 1  Mark 8:27-9:13 Sermon Outline  09/03/23  “The Cross Before the Crown”  INTRO:  No other religion that has savior suffer and die for sins  -No religion which has substitutionary atonement  -No religion which has victory through suffering  -If there is, they stole it from Christianity  To this day concept of suffering Messiah is stumbling block to Jews  Early on Isaiah 53 Suffering Servant=Jesus Christ  But later on Suffering Servant referred to Israel  -Became point of controversy  -“Hafttarah” readings, read Isaiah 52, 54 but not  53 | 2  Watched incredible video of showing Isaiah 53 to Israelis who never heard of Isaiah 53  Some Jews mistake Isaiah 53 as New Testament!  Title of series is Mark: Son of Man as Son of God  THESIS:  The only correct way to confess Jesus as Son of God is to understand that He is the Son of Man  Only by suffering and death does He fulfill mission as Messiah  BODY:  We come to apex of book of Mark  All of what Jesus has done so far is building to this point of confession  Amazement and utter astonishment from crowds but no faith  Pharisees rejected him, disciples are slow, |
| 3  Faith comes from people we least expect  -Unclean Hemorrhaging woman  -Syrophoenician woman hated enemy race  -Gentile deaf and mute man  -Gentile blind man  -Even demons know identity (but no faith)!  8:22-26 Blind man passage is a hinge passage  -helps conclude but also introduce new passage  1st touch blind man = disciples seeing but cloudy  2nd touch blind man = disciple see clearly  8:27  Jesus and disciples come to Cesaerea Philippi  -Region was full of idols  -no better place than to ask this question  “Who do people say that I am?”  -John the Baptist  -Elijah  -one of the prophets | 4  These answers are actually an insult instead of honor  God is in a category all to Himself  He is not just a bigger, better version of you  For example: God’s love  Maybe you believe God loves like you do, but just perfectly  No, God’s love is an entire category by itself, it’s part of His nature!  1 John 4:8  “the one who does not love does not know God, for God is love”  God “is” love  Nobody can claim he “is” love  -If they do they should be in mental institution  -Nobody is an embodiment of love itself |
| 5  You will get into heresy when you begin to think that God is like you  For example: God’s immutability  “God relented of his disaster” or “God repented”  Does God change his mind? No He can’t change  Last year a theology survey indicated 51% of evangelicals believe that God can change. It is a frightening statistic.  So if God can’t change, then how do you explain this?  Well simply it’s baby talk. God is condescending to our language and level to help us understand Him  God doesn’t have an arm yet when he says I will uphold you by my right hand, he is saying something about his power and helping you to visualize it | 6  Now directs it personally:  “Who do you say that I am?”  Miraculously: “You are the Christ”  But notice commendation of Peter is missing  1. Could be Peter being humble  2. Could be Peter purposely portraying him and  the disciples in a negative light consistent with  whole book  -They will fail once again  8:30  Warns them not to tell anyone about this  -Does not want to be a military/political ruler  -They won’t understand apart from death and  resurrection  8:31 (read)  8:32  Jesus was stating matter “plainly” = “boldly” |
| 7  Peter unable to reconcile Messiah with suffering and begins rebuking him  Understandably, if you just read the OT and not the NT, it would be hard to be able to know that there will be two comings of the Messiah.  Most Jews likely thought that the Messiah would come only once and set up his kingdom.  It would be hard to see where Is 53 fit in if only you thought of one coming  But Jesus rebukes Peter devastatingly.  -Calls him “Satan”  He was living for man’s interests not God’s. Peter wanted Jesus to be their political Messiah  How about you?  Are you making way straight paths for the Lord for others to come to him?  Or  Are you putting stumbling blocks in front of believers? | 8  Jesus may say to you “get behind me Satan” if you are obstructing others from seeing Christ  8:34 (read)  Jesus completely turned expectation that Jews had for Messiah on its own head  To truly live and conquer is to die to self  To truly be a truly Israelite and follower of Christ is to deny self and sin, not insist on it  Beautiful verse Acts 20:24  “But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, so that I may finish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God.”  Take up your “cross”  It is not general trials and hardships and inconveniences |
| 9  “cross” = direct consequences for following Christ  Possibly rejection, persecution or even martyrdom  Cross = horrendous form of execution  “Excruciating” = lit. “out of the cross”  Reserved for lowest of criminals, shameful death, exposed nakedness  Romans used it to quelch future rebellions by publicly executing and leaving the crucified corpse along major highways to discourage men  Jesus’ lifetime as many as 30,000 Jews crucified  But why deny yourself?  8:35-37 (read)  The kingdom is upside kingdom | 10  World is headed to hell because it is full of rich people like rich man in Luke 12 who stored up riches in his barns and not rich towards God  What did God say to him? You fool! This very night yours soul will be required of you  Hell will be full of people who have gained the world, but lost their soul  World insists on preserving your own life and watching at for “me”  Disciples were still holding onto their life  They thought victory comes through toppling the enemy and showing who is the strongest  The Gospel is not only a command to live but a command to die not for dying’s sake but to truly live  Like a seed that needs to die first in order for it to live |
| 11  8:38 (read)  Are you ashamed at Jesus and His words?  Are you ashamed at the fact that you are worshipping a crucified savior?  Or is Jesus your glory? Is the cross your glory? Is Jesus’ words your glory?  9:1 (read)  Some standing here who will not die until they see death and resurrection of Christ  Jesus will graphically illustrate this 6 days later  He takes inner circle of disciples up on a high mountain and is transfigured literally “metamorphosis”  No launderer on earth can whiten them | 12  I don’t think its just a glow but a bright blazing glory like the Shekinah Glory  He always had the glory but it was veiled in his humanity  John 17 Jesus talks about the glory that he had with the Father before the world was  People don’t disintegrate into ashes because Jesus’ glory is veiled by his humanity  Furthermore, Peter James and John see Elijah and Moses talking to them  Moses = law  Elijah = prophets  law + prophets = OT  But disciples are terrified and typical Peter says to make tabernacles for all three |
| 13  But only one tabernacle should be made: Jesus  Not Moses or Elijah  -Again Jesus is put on the same category as these  prophets, not good  Rebuke from the Father:  “This is My beloved Son, listen to Him!”  9:8 (read)  9:9  Again this order not to tell anyone what they had seen until Son of Man rose from the dead  -It is clear that transfiguration was preview of  resurrection glory  -Also Luke 9:31 extra detail that Moses and Elijah  were talking w/ Jesus about His death in Jerusalem | 14  9:10  What does rising from the dead mean?  -Disciples didn’t doubt resurrection (Dan. 12) but  didn’t see that Jesus Himself would need to be  resurrected  9:11  Can’t reconcile that Messiah would have to die so they ask question in verse 11  They know Elijah must come first to prepare way for Messiah.  Jesus affirms their remembrance but also asks them a question in 9:12-13 (read)  Yes, Elijah must come but also the Messiah must suffer as the OT predicted (Ps. 22, Isaiah 53, Zech. 12:10) |
| 15  In fact so clear that Messiah had to suffer and die  that Luke 24:25-26 road to Emmaus  “And He said to them, “O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?”  What’s peculiar is in verse 13 “Elijah indeed has come and they did to him whatever they wished”  Malachi 4:5-6  We know from Luke that John would come in the spirit and power of Elijah to prepare the way for the Lord  Yet when asked if he was Elijah John said “he was not”  But Jesus said that if the people accepted John he would be the Elijah to them | 16  But there will be full fulfillment in the final sense of Elijah preceding the coming of the Lord in Revelation. Possibly he is one of the two witnesses in Revelation 11  Reason Jesus showed his resurrected glory after Peter’s confession was to show that glory comes through suffering and death in Him.  They too like the Lord will be raised and transformed into glory. It was a preview a taste of what is to come  The kingdom of God will come not by might or violence but by facing a hostile world not with a sword but with the truth of the gospel, even if it means it will cost one’s life  Just as John the Baptist suffered and died, so too Jesus will too  and His disciples will follow the same way  Acts 4 They will even rejoice that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His sake |
| 17  Acts 12 They encouraged one another that it is only through many tribulations that they enter the kingdom of God  No longer will they be ashamed of suffering and dying for the Lord  The promise of God is that if you lose your life for Christ and the gospel you will gain it  Promise of God is if you are unashamed of the gospel Christ will honor you  Promise of God is when you die believing in Jesus, you will be resurrected in power and glory  The Messiah you worship must be the crucified Messiah  He is the “Son of God” by way of being the “Son of Man” | 18  He had to be the Son of Man in order to die  He had to be the Son of God in order to atone for your sins as a sinless sacrifice  He had to be the Son of Man to identify with you and represent you  He had to be the Son of God in order to bear the wrath of God that you deserved  “Who do you say that I am?”  How you answer that determines eternal destiny  -heaven or hell  Most people will answer wrongly confessing a Jesus of our their making  Mark is written so that you will answer correctly  -So that you will come to truly confess the Son of  God |
| 19  It pleased God to crush Messiah for your iniquities so that you would sin no more  He poured out his soul unto death so that you wouldn’t have to taste the second death  He bore your griefs and your sorrows so that you would no longer have grief and sorrow in heaven  How should you respond?  1 Peter 2:24  “He himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness, for by His wounds you were healed.” Go and live to righteousness.”  Go and live to righteousness |  |