

Journey to Judea - Part 3

When we think about the gospels – Matthew, Mark, Luke and John – Mark isn't usually the first place we go. Yet Mark, listening to the eyewitness accounts of Peter, wrote a fast-paced gospel sharing the miraculous things Jesus did, including His death and Resurrection, to convince his Roman readers that Jesus is the Son of God. Let's not overlook what we can learn about our Savior in the overlooked gospel.



INTRODUCTION

Jesus tells the disciples for the third time that he will be flogged, killed, and will rise from the grave three days later.

STARTER QUESTION

1. We all face personal crises in our lives. Do you think our decisions and actions can shorten the crisis, prolong the crisis or impact the outcome of the crisis?

INTO THE WORD

2. In Mark 10, we read that Jesus was delivered by God, not that he was taken by the Romans or Pharisees to be killed. Have you heard that before? What do you think of it?
3. *"A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. The tongue of the wise commends knowledge, but the mouths of fools pour out folly."* -Proverbs 15: 1-2 (ESV). How can we apply these verses to the message? Is this what 2 Timothy 1: 6-7 is encouraging us to do in moments of crisis?
4. *"Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flows the springs of life."* - Proverbs 4:23. Why it is important to keep our hearts with all vigilance?

APPLICATION

5. In what ways can being humble help us when we are facing a crisis? How can we as the church use power, love, and self-control as described in 2 Timothy 1:6-7 to benefit others and defuse the tension?
6. Where do you need to show more Godly humility? How can you allow God to develop more humility in you? What would that do to the people around you?
7. Read Matthew 7:7 and James 4:2-3. Before Jesus healed Bartimaeus, He asked "What do you want me to do for you?" How can we, as followers of Jesus Christ, achieve or keep a truly humble heart? What do you need to humbly ask from Jesus today?

PRAYER

Lord, we all face times of crisis in our lives. Our nation is going through a crisis with the pandemic right now. Some of us might also be facing a personal crisis right now. You know our stories and our struggles. Your Word tells us that You won't give us more than we can handle. Please let us remember that particularly in the difficult times and cling to that hope and truth. Thank you for today's message. It was timely, relevant, and something we may have needed to hear. Help us choose power, love, and strength over strength. Please give us the humility we need in times of crisis and always. Lord, I ask that you be with us this week and protect us. In Jesus name, Amen.