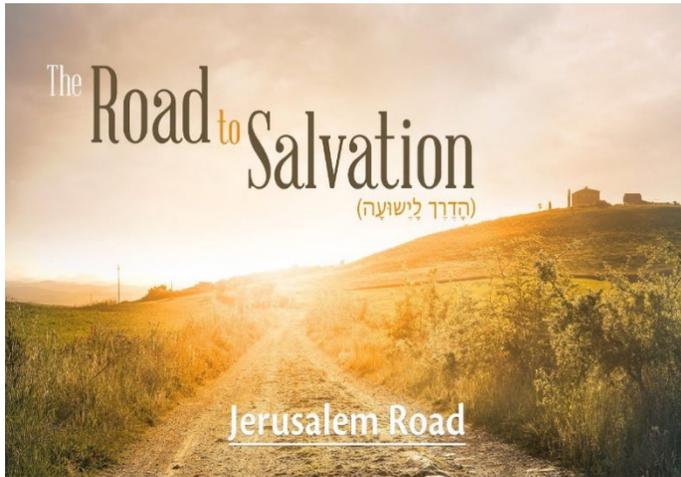


“THE COST OF THE ROAD AHEAD!”

Text: Mark 10:32–34 (NIV)



Jesus Predicts His Death a Third Time

³² They were on their way up to Jerusalem, with Jesus leading the way, and the disciples were astonished, while those who followed were afraid. Again he took the Twelve aside and told them what was going to happen to him. ³³ “We are going up to Jerusalem,” he said, “and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and

will hand him over to the Gentiles, ³⁴ who will mock him and spit on him, flog him and kill him. Three days later he will rise.”

INTRODUCTION

Before Palm Sunday, **Jesus is not riding a donkey yet** — He is walking. Walking ahead of the disciples. Walking toward suffering. Walking into the will of God. Mark paints a powerful picture: Jesus is out front, the disciples are amazed, and the crowd is afraid. This is the road to Calvary — a road Jesus chooses, embraces, and leads.

This study helps us see the courage, clarity, and commitment of Christ as He moves toward the cross.

POINT 1 — JESUS LEADS THE WAY

“And Jesus was walking ahead of them...” (v. 32)

Exegesis

- The Greek verb indicates continuous action — Jesus keeps moving forward.
- He is not pushed, dragged, or forced.
- He is out front, not behind or beside.

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Theology

- Jesus is the Good Shepherd who goes before His sheep.
- Salvation is not accidental — it is intentional obedience to the Father’s plan.
- The cross is not a tragedy; it is a mission.

Life Application

- Jesus still leads His people into places that require courage.
- When the road is hard, He never asks us to go where He has not already gone.
- Follow the One who walks ahead.

POINT 2 — THE DISCIPLES ARE AMAZED AND AFRAID

“...they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid.” (v. 32)

Exegesis

- “Amazed” = astonished, overwhelmed.
- “Afraid” = gripped with uncertainty.
- They sense something divine and dangerous happening.

Theology

- The presence of Jesus often produces holy tension — awe and fear together.
- God’s will is glorious but not always comfortable.
- Discipleship includes emotional honesty.

Life Application

- It’s okay to feel both faith and fear.
- God does His best work in the tension between what we know and what we cannot see.
- Bring your amazement and your anxiety to Jesus.

POINT 3 — JESUS PREDICTS HIS SUFFERING CLEARLY

*“He took the Twelve aside and began to tell them what was going to happen...”
(v. 32)*

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Exegesis

- Jesus gives a private, pastoral briefing.
- He is not vague — He is specific.
- He prepares them for what is coming.

Theology

- God reveals enough for us to trust Him, even if He does not reveal everything.
- Jesus is the Prophet who knows the future because He holds it.
- The cross is not a surprise — it is prophecy fulfilled.

Life Application

- Jesus still prepares His people for difficult seasons.
- Pay attention when the Lord pulls you aside.
- Preparation is a form of grace.

POINT 4 — JESUS NAMES THE FULL COST

“The Son of Man will be delivered... condemned... mocked... spit on... flogged... killed...” (vv. 33–34)

Exegesis

- Jesus lists six escalating forms of suffering.
- He hides nothing — He embraces everything.
- This is the cost of redemption.

Theology

- Jesus is the Suffering Servant of Isaiah 53.
- Salvation is free to us but costly to Him.
- The cross reveals the depth of God’s love and the seriousness of sin.

Life Application

- Following Jesus requires counting the cost.
- Real discipleship is not convenience — it is commitment.
- When you see what Jesus endured, your love deepens, and your worship rises.

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POINT 5 — JESUS DECLARES THE RESURRECTION

“...and after three days He will rise.” (v. 34)

Exegesis

- The prophecy ends not in death but in victory.
- “Will rise” is a divine guarantee, not a possibility.
- The cross is the road, but resurrection is the destination.

Theology

- The resurrection is the center of Christian hope.
- Jesus is not just the Suffering Servant — He is the Risen Lord.
- God always has the last word.

Life Application

- Every cross you carry has resurrection on the other side.
- Hope is not optional — it is essential.
- Walk through your suffering with resurrection confidence.

CLOSING SUMMARY — POINTING TO CHRIST AND THE CROSS

On the road to Calvary, Jesus walks ahead, knowing exactly what awaits Him. He embraces suffering, fulfills prophecy, and leads His disciples with courage and clarity. The cross is not defeated — it is a divine purpose. And the resurrection is the promise that suffering will never have the final say.

As we approach Palm Sunday, **we do not just watch Jesus walk toward the cross — we follow Him**, trusting that the One who went ahead of us will also bring us through.