

The Shocking Mission of the Messiah

Mark 8:31-33



The OT & Messiah

- 5) Sermons in Acts (Peter & Paul)
 - Acts 10:43 – “of Him all the prophets bear witness that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins”
 - Acts 13:23 – “according to promise” (vv. 32-39 explain the promise)
 - Acts 18:28 – Apollos demonstrated “by the Scriptures that Jesus was the Christ”
 - Acts 26:22 – “stating nothing but what the Prophets and Moses said was going to take place; that the Christ was to suffer, and that by reason of His resurrection from the dead He should be the first to proclaim light both to the Jewish people and to the Gentiles”
 - Acts 26:26 – anyone who believed the prophets and compared their predictions w/ the historical facts about Jesus of Nazareth must acknowledge the truth of Christianity (cf., v. 27)
 - Acts 28:23 – “trying to persuade them concerning Jesus, from both the Law of Moses and from the Prophets”

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- 1) Gen. 3:15 – the promise of a child who would defeat Satan and bring permanent redemption.
- 2) John 5:39, 46
- 3) Luke 24:27 – “Beginning at Moses and the prophets...”
- 4) Luke 24:44, 46-47 – “all things written about Me in Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms” & “Thus it is written, that ...”

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- 6) 2 Tim. 3:15 – “able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ [Messiah] Jesus”
- 7) Heb. 11:26 – [Moses considered] the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward.
- 8) 1 Pet. 1:10-11

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 - Acts 2:24-36
 - Acts 2:30-31 – David “looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of Christ”
 - Acts 3:13 – “Servant of YHWH”
 - Acts 3:18 – cf., v. 17 – they were ignorant, but the problem wasn’t the Scripture
 - Acts 3:22-23 – Christ is the prophet like Moses (Deut. 18:15)
 - Acts 3:24 – Christ is the one Samuel and his successors spoke about
 - Acts 3:25-26 – Christ is the fulfillment of the ancient promise to Abraham
 - Acts 7:52 – “they killed those who had previously announced the coming of the righteous One, whose betrayers and murderers you have now become”

The 1st Century Expectations

- Matt. 2:4 – Herod understood that there was an expectation of a Messiah; apparently understood that he was trying to kill Israel’s Messiah.
- Luke 2:38 – Anna spoke of Him “to all those who were looking for the redemption of Israel”
- Luke 3:15 – people were excited and hopeful that John the Baptist was, in fact, the Christ.
- John 1:19-25 – expectation among the people of the coming Messiah.
- John 1:41 – Andrew & Peter as OT believers
- John 4:25, 29 – even the Samaritans were expecting the Messiah.
- John 7:25-53 (especially 26-27, 31, 41-42) – the people
- John 12:34 – The crowd then answered Him, “We have heard out of the Law that the Christ is to remain forever; and how can You say, ‘The Son of Man must be lifted up?’ Who is this Son of Man?”

I. The Catalyst for the Prophecy (31a)

- Cf. Matt. 16:21 - From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised up on the third day.

III. The Clarity of the Prophecy (32a)

- John 2:18-22
- Luke 24:25-27
- Luke 24:44-48
- Luke 24:25 - And He said to them, "O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!"

II. The Content of the Prophecy (31b)

- A. The Divine Necessity – "must"
- B. The Location: In Jerusalem
 - Cf. Matt. 16:21 - From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised up on the third day.
- C. The Intense Suffering
 - "The Son of Man must suffer many things."
 - Mark 10:34 - "They will mock Him and spit on Him, and scourge Him and kill Him, and three days later He will rise again."

IV. The Conflict over the Prophecy (32b-33)

- Matt. 16:22 - Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "God forbid *it*, Lord! This shall never happen to You."
- Lit., "May God be merciful to you, Lord! Not at all shall be to you this."
- Peter at that moment was playing the role of Satan and was being prompted by Satan.
 - Cf. Matt. 4:8-9 – Satan offered Jesus a way to bypass the suffering and death by simply offering him worship.

II. The Content of the Prophecy (31b)

- D. The Human Instigators
 - "And be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes."
 - Elders – lay leaders of the nation
 - Chief priests – current high priests along with former ones, and the leaders of each of the 24 courses of priests.
 - Scribes – interpreters, copiers of the law; mostly Pharisees.
- E. The Death He Must Die
 - "Be killed."
 - Implied is a violent death.
- F. The Resurrection
 - "And after three days arise."

Implications for us...

- 1) We must never substitute human reasoning for divine revelation.
- 2) As believers, the cross must remain at the center of our lives.
- 3) Jesus came on a divine rescue mission that was absolutely necessary—for you!
 - Mark 10:45



Anselm

(Canterbury, 1033-1109 AD)

- “Do you believe that you can not be saved but by the death of Christ? Go to, then, and, while your soul abides in you, put all your confidence in this death alone—place your trust in no other thing.... And if God would judge you, say, ‘Lord! I place the death of our Lord Jesus Christ between me and Your judgment....’ And if He shall say unto you, that you are a sinner, say unto Him, ‘I place the death of our Lord Jesus Christ between me and my sins.’ If He shall say unto you, that you have deserved damnation say, ‘Lord! I put the death of our Lord Jesus Christ between You and all my sins; I offer His merits for my own, which I should have, and have not.”



In Christ Alone...

- ☒ In December of 1662, Scottish Puritan David Dickson lay dying.
- ☒ This is what he said: “I have taken all my good deeds and all my bad deeds, and cast them through each other in a heap before the Lord, and fled from both, and betaken myself to the Lord Jesus Christ, and in him I have sweet peace!”