



IMMEDIATELY: The Gospel of Mark - Class #19

Mark 8:22-38

Jesus Heals a Blind Man at Bethsaida

[22] And they came to Bethsaida. And some people brought to him a blind man and begged him to touch him. [23] And he took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village, and when he had spit on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, "Do you see anything?" [24] And he looked up and said, "I see people, but they look like trees, walking." [25] Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he opened his eyes, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. [26] And he sent him to his home, saying, "Do not even enter the village."

Peter Confesses Jesus as the Christ

[27] And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" [28] And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." [29] And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." [30] And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

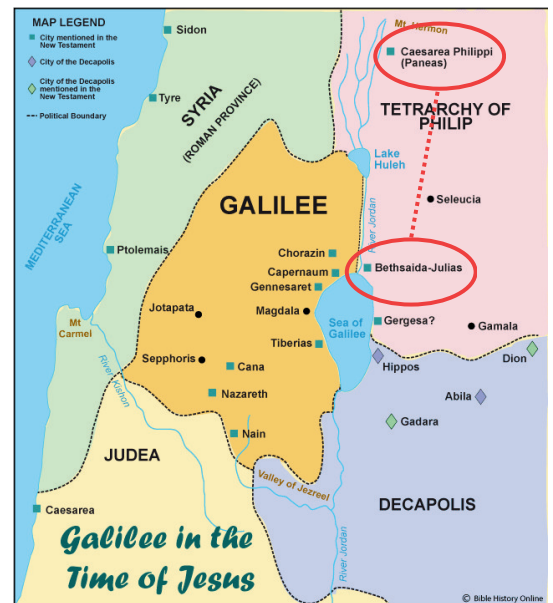
Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

[31] And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. [32] And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. [33] But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

[34] And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. [35] For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. [36] For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? [37] For what can a man give in return for his soul? [38] For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

This might help...

- **Matthew 16:16-17** 16 And Simon Peter answered and[e] said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God!” 17 And Jesus answered and[said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, because flesh and blood did not reveal this[g] to you, but my Father who is in heaven.
- **Proverbs 3:5** [5] Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.
- **Prophecies of the Messiah**
 - Psalm 2:1-9, 110:1-2
 - Numbers 24:17
 - Isaiah 9:6-7
 - Daniel 7:13-14



- **Galatians 2:20** [20] I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.
- **Questions to Consider:**
 - Are there places where you are forfeiting your soul to gain the world?
 - Do we presume being Christian means only a few minor adjustments in our ordinary lives? In our efforts to “fight for our beliefs” are we really seeking things for the glory of God or is it to avoid suffering?

So What? *What is the good news today from Mark?*

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