



Mark 10:32-45

What Do You Want - Part 1 Sun, Mar 2nd 2008

Resurrection Celebration - 2 weeks before Rez Day

Mark? I thought we are in Hebrews

- We are....but we are taking a little break. 21 studies into...lot to process
- Real reason – is timing.
- Problem...in **Hebrews** – finished **chap 6** – about to start **chap 7**
 - **Chap 7-10**...are a building theme...one on top of each other
 - Yet...to build, to do that week upon week – is not possible right now
- Today. Mar 2nd...in three weeks – Rez day! two weeks – Palm Sunday
 - Take that week – and focus intently on Cross...Resurrection
 - So – at that point...will be two week break from Hebrews
- Then...immediately after Rez day....some of us leaving for Israel
 - Be out of the pulpit for several weeks
 - So...going to postpone **Hebrews** – until after Israel
 - This week and next...couple events before Cross

Back to Calendar for a moment

- Did you know, this year is the earliest Easter that we will see for the rest of our lives, in fact - Earliest Easter most of us have ever seen
- Next time Easter will be this early (March 23) - year 2228 (220 years from now)
- Last time it was this early was 1913 (Have to be 95 of older to live thru)

How come Rez Sunday, Easter – moves like that?

- You asked...remember that ☺
- Jews use a Lunar calendar
- Passover always occurs on a full moon
- First 300 years of church, debate: celebrate on Passover or Rez day
- 325 AD – Church council to set Easter date
 - 1st Sunday after full moon after vernal equinox (Spring begins)
- Soon after – split in calculating West vs East
 - Eastern church used Julian Calendar (movable equinox)
 - Western church used Gregorian Calendar (set equinox, Mar 21st)
- 4th century Jews set perpetual calendar – up to that point – adjusted constantly – to fit correctly, or as best as they could
- Graph out for out last 18 years of celebrations
- Question is....when is right time to celebrate Rez day?
 - Honestly...it is a question – up for long debate
 - Not sure we could say with absolute precision...each has merit
 - For us...celebrate with our Country, western church
 - Although this year – Eastern Church, Passover – way into April
 - Seems wise – to redeem the opportunity – preach Christ

So with that...back to Mark 4

I. Jesus lived in light of the Cross

1. Read Mark 10:32-34

2. Notice – Jesus had a firm, clear understanding of what was coming

- a. Know that He will be betrayed – Judas kiss
- b. Knew in hands of chief priests, scribes- who would arrest Him
- c. Knew He will be condemned - fixed trial...knew outcome
- d. Knew He would be delivered to Gentiles- before Pilate...for execution
- e. Knew He would be mocked, scourged, spit on - how would treat Him
- f. Knew He would be killed – crucified
- g. Knew, declared that on the Third day – He would rise again

h. Say it again...Jesus lived in light of the Cross

- i) Knew why He was here...what He would do....affected everything
- i. Jesus has steadily been explaining to His followers this clear purpose

i) Mark 8:31; 9:31

3. Disciples didn't get it

- a. Luke tells us that specifically – **Luke 18:34**
- b. But it was not that they did not just get the facts...didn't get heart
- c. Right following this clear presentation of what is coming
 - i) We have two events recorded for us
 - ii) In both – Jesus asks the same question – notice
 - iii) **v.36 & v.51** – What do you want me to do for you
- d. **That is the question I want to put before you today & next week**
 - i) Today – cover first event, and next week the second
 - ii) Again – context – between announcement and reality - how live?

II. What do they Ask?

1. They ask craftily

- a. Notice how they word their question – always a red flag
 - i) When kids come and ask – Dad will you do whatever I ask?
- b. Mathew lets us know they even used their mom to ask
 - i) Yet, when Jesus answers – cuts past mom and deals directly
 - ii) No contradiction...just details
 - A. If I said I asked Justin to meet with someone – true
 - B. Could be – that I asked him through Phil – used Phil as means

2. They ask for position and power

- a. What they think this is going to be...is not apparent. Now? Heaven?
- b. Either way – they are asking to be above others in esteem, power
- c. Crazy in ...context – Jesus just explained cross and resurrection

III. How does Jesus Respond?

1. You don't know what you are asking for

- a. They don't understand the Kingdom of God
- b. They don't understand that power doesn't satisfy
- c. They don't understand the cost

2. You are asking for something I am not giving

- a. Simply communicating that God's kingdom does not work this way
- b. There is a wonderful sovereignty to it....God preparing....setting
- c. What they are doing, seeking – is so unlike God and His ways
- d. Honors in the kingdom are bestowed not on the basis of selfish ambition, but of divine sovereign will.

e. **James 4:2-3**

IV. Disciples Are Displeased

1. As the other disciples looked on – they are not happy

- a. Most other translations use the word indignant – better translation
- b. They look at what these two have done – anger, feel it is wrong
- c. When was the last time you felt indignation? Feel it now

2. Yet...truth be told – this has been an issue for all of them

- a. Go back – look at **Mark 9:33-34**
- b. In fact...it is a long standing disagreement **Mat 18:1, Lu 22:24, 3Jn 9**
- c. The Bible tells us the truth – plainly – more honest than would be w/self
- d. **So are you with me – are indignant...seeing their own folly on others**
 - i) Truth be told...that is normal....
 - ii) Often, not always, often – things that irritate us the most – own sin
 - A. David and when Nathan confronts him about his sin
- e. **So here is the problem – you and I can fall into same trap**
 - i) Can look upon what these guys are doing – hopefully see wrong
 - ii) Miss the point...likely that most...struggle with this...sin
 - iii) Problem with that...miss Jesus point, instruction – to them, to us

Y. Jesus instructs on what to seek

1. Jesus calls them all together – because all of them need instructed

- a. Jesus...I believe is calling us together...we need instructed
- b. I believe He is speaking to you...but not me ☺ Just kidding...me too
- c. Note the word – calling to Himself (implied in word...but like it)

2. Jesus is about to instruct us in seeking

- a. In one sense...how we could...should answer question – what do you want

3. World's way and Jesus way not equal

a. In the world – it is about position and power

- i) It is comparison – Lord it over others
- ii) It is power – authority
- iii) May not want to honestly admit...but it is true

b. Jesus kingdom – is different – the church is to be different

- i) Stop and say this...sadly, often worldly ways mimicked in church
- ii) Sadly...not always that way...but ought to be, meant to be

4. Whoever desires

- a. Note this first....doesn't say "stop that"
- b. In one sense – built into us – is a part of us – just sin twisted
- c. I think of Communism – removing aim, desire...doesn't work

5. Fix the focus of those desires

- a. Be servant...be slave
- b. Doesn't say desire this...but do this
- c. Take that desire – and aim it in the right way

6. This is what Jesus did

- a. He is the example of what He is calling us to
- b. Didn't come with power and authority – throwing weight around
- c. Served...gave His life away...the cross
- d. At each of these places where Jesus shares the cross – respond this way

Conclusion

The cross...that is the context - both where going and where sharing

- The cross – God’s redemptive work – Jesus revolved around it

Here is the crazy thing....His aim so often exposed their follow

- In all three occasion in Mark 8,9, and 10 – as Jesus shares Cross – we see the disciples wrong motives, understandings exposed
- **Mark 8:31-33** – mindful of the things of men
- **Mark 9:31-37**
- Really believe Jesus is showing...calling us to something

Problem – you can hear...see and know about the cross

- As we head towards Rez day – can know all the facts
- But be totally in another world in the way you live and think

I want to call you today...I want to call you this Easter – to be impacted

- Want to call you to be changed