



This is the final part in a 3part mini series exploring the occasions in Mark's gospel where Jesus predicts his death. This week follows Geoff's sermon from the morning of the 10th March, 24. You might like to put in your diaries our services for Good Friday (11am, 3pm or 8.30pm) as a final stop on this journey.

Some suggested listening: You led me to the cross (Matt Redman); When I survey the wondrous cross; I have decided to follow Jesus; Lead me to the cross (Ligertwood); All to Jesus I surrender (Van Deventer/Weeden).

There are lots of questions here so don't feel you need to do them all.

1. Where have you seen evidence of God in your life this week? Are there any stories you might share?

Read Mark 10:32-40.

2. What strikes you most about the passage? What do you find uncomfortable?
3. What do you think is God's attitudes to our goals and ambitions?
4. Why do you think the disciples had a hard time understanding what Jesus was predicting about his impending arrest and death? (Mark 8: 31-33), Mark 9: 30-32, and here Mark 10: 32-40)
5. In what ways do you think we might see Jesus as a shortcut to our own ambitions? Have you ever been aware of this in your own life?
6. What is your response to the quotation from St. Augustine?
"Let the Lord your God be your hope – seek for nothing else from him, but let him himself be your hope. There are people who hope from him riches or perishable and transitory honours, in short, they hope to get from God things which are not God himself"
7. What do you imagine lay behind the request of James and John?
8. What do you see is the place for ambition in the Christian life?
9. Aw Tozer wrote,
"There are two kinds of lives...the fallow and the ploughed. Miracles follow the plough"
In your experience how does God work with ground that has been broken up.
10. If Jesus is asking you this evening – "What do you want me to do for you?" What would you say to Him?

Final Prayers

- Is there anything that today's study has thrown up that you need to pray into?
- Are there any other things for which people would like prayer?
- Lift one another up to God for the week ahead.