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Mk 8:31 – 9:1 **Devotion and Prayer** - Jesus warns that He has come to suffer, die, and rise and that everyone who follows Him must carry the cross. We are easily tempted to avoid the cross. Our reason says that God would want us to be safe. Yet, Jesus suffered for our salvation and promised to overcome Satan and all our foes. Jesus is the only one sufficient to exchange His life for ours. He invites us to carry the cross in union with Him who has already paid the price for us. • Lord, thank You for accepting the disgrace and pain of the cross. Strengthen us to follow You from Your cross to Your glory. Amen. Daniel Paavola (2013-12-02). [Reformation Heritage Bible Commentary: Mark](#) (Locations 3308-3313). CPH. Kindle Edition.

Notes from: D. Paavola, [RHBC: Mark](#) (Locations 3230-3986). CPH. Kindle. -- **MK 8:31** Though Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12 predicted that God's Servant would suffer and die for the benefit of His people, the disciples would prove unable to accept such suffering. Jesus stresses the prophetic nature of His death by saying, "It is necessary ..." His death is not accidental, nor even a vicious injustice. It is the eternal plan of God (Eph 1:4-5). Jesus repeats this prediction twice in Mark (9:31, 10: 33–34), so that there ends up being three Passion predictions, one for each of Peter's denials in 14:66–72. After each Passion prediction, Jesus continues by teaching about discipleship. *elders ... chief priests ... scribes*. Jesus' rejection was by the breadth of Israel's leadership rather than one misguided segment. *three days rise again*. This will be the ultimate sign, pre-figured by Jonah (Mt 16:4), which will demonstrate His power as the Christ. His merciful, sacrificial love places Him on the cross. From that death, Jesus rises as the saving Christ, bestowing the benefit of His death on all.

MK 8:35 *whoever would save his life*. The mystery of Jesus' suffering for the life of the world turns upside down everything the disciples know and imagine. In order to save their lives, they must be willing to give them up. The chief priests and scribes will mock Him on the cross saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself" (15:31). The sacrifice of His life saves all who have entrusted their lives to His death and resurrection.

MK 10:32 *on the road going up to Jerusalem*. This is the metaphorical road seen since 1:2–3, the straight path prepared by John which leads to the cross. Jesus was walking ahead of them. Jesus knew exactly where this would lead, to His death and resurrection. He walks ahead of the disciples, a shepherd leading the sheep, into the valley of the shadow of His death. The disciples feel and fear the darkness of His enemies and His prediction of death. They're surprised that He is walking openly into the stronghold of His enemies (cf. Jn 7:1–5); they expected a deadly confrontation in which they would die along with Jesus (cf. Jn 11:16). But this Shepherd will sacrifice Himself, protect the sheep, and astonish the world with His resurrection.