

# **The Gospel According to Mark**

## **Jesus. Servant. Master.**

### **Lesson 33**

#### **Read Mark 8:34 – 38**

**Introduction:** *It is possible many of us may have fallen by the wayside because of a worn-out commitment to Jesus, which has not been a daily renewal of love. Because of this He becomes distant and we have no joy in our lives, which we looked upon as the hallmark of our walk with Him. We urgently need to return to the place where Jesus is all-in-all, so real and vital in our lives that we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard (Acts 4:20). In that way the life of our fellowship will see the rekindling of the flame of His love and passion within them, and once again be living lives as true disciples to give joy to the heart of the Lord Jesus.*

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1. It is easy to follow Jesus when everything is going well. However, to follow Him moment by moment, to do His will even when the work is difficult and the future looks bleak...is not easy. According to Mark 8:34 if you *desire* to come after Jesus what three things must you do?

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- What does it mean to *you* to deny yourself?
  - What are some practical things you could do to deny yourself?

- What does it mean to you to take up your cross?
  - How important is taking up your cross according to Matthew 10:38?

2. In all of the gospel accounts Jesus had been beaten, scourged and mocked. He had lost a sufficient amount of blood and was weak. Read Luke 23:26. What was the significance of this man being at the right place at just the right time? What honor was he unknowingly given?

- How has the Lord led you to take up the cross of another? (Explain)

3. Write down the last two words of Mark 8:34.  
What did Jesus say when he called His first disciples in Matthew 4:18 – 22 and John 1:43? What reaction did they have?

- Review John 12:23 – 26. Jesus is teaching a very valuable lesson in this portion of scripture. What insights do you learn from this passage that could change your life forever?

4. According to Mark 8:35 how can you save your life?  
(Compare with Galatians 2:20)

5. Worldliness, which is centered on possessions, position and power, is ultimately worthless. Whatever you have on earth is only temporary and could never be exchanged for your soul. How did Jesus make this clear in Mark 8:36 – 38?

- What did Jesus say in Matthew 10:28 – 33?

6. What do we learn from James 1:21 – 22 and from Hebrews 10:36 – 39?

- What great comfort do we receive from Psalm 23:1 – 2?