

# Mark | Week 4 | March 15-19

**Monday** | Mark 8:34-9:13

**Tuesday** | Mark 9:14-32

**Wednesday** | Mark 9:33-50

**Thursday** | Mark 10:1-16

**Friday** | Mark 10:17-31

## Sermon Text Questions:

1. What are the implications for the disciples and Jesus of Peter's confession that Jesus is Messiah, the Christ in Mark 8:29-30?
2. Upon Peter's confession of Jesus as Messiah, Jesus tells his disciples to tell no one about him. In Mark 5 Jesus tells the healed man to tell people. What is this about? What is going on here?
3. In contrast to Israel's expectation for the Messiah to be a political king, how does Jesus redefine what the Messiah would do here in Mark 8:31-9:1 and throughout the first eight chapters of Mark?
4. Jesus asks us the same question he asks the disciples: "Who do you say that I am?" What is your answer to who Jesus is and what He is actually doing in the world?
5. The disciples must have known that by following Jesus they were taking risks and the death of John the Baptist confirmed that. Jesus began to teach them something new, implying that once they'd declared that He was the Messiah, they'd need to pick up their own cross (8:34). How can following Jesus be dangerous for us as well?
6. This passage makes it clear that following Jesus is the only way to go. Following Jesus is Mark's definition of what being a Christian means. To what extent are you, and those around you that call themselves Christians, following Jesus?
7. What does "take up your cross and follow Jesus" mean? What does it look like?
8. In what ways have you seen in your life and in other's lives the truth that "if you want to save your life, you'll lose it; but if you lose your life because of me and the Message you'll save it"? (Mark 8:35)