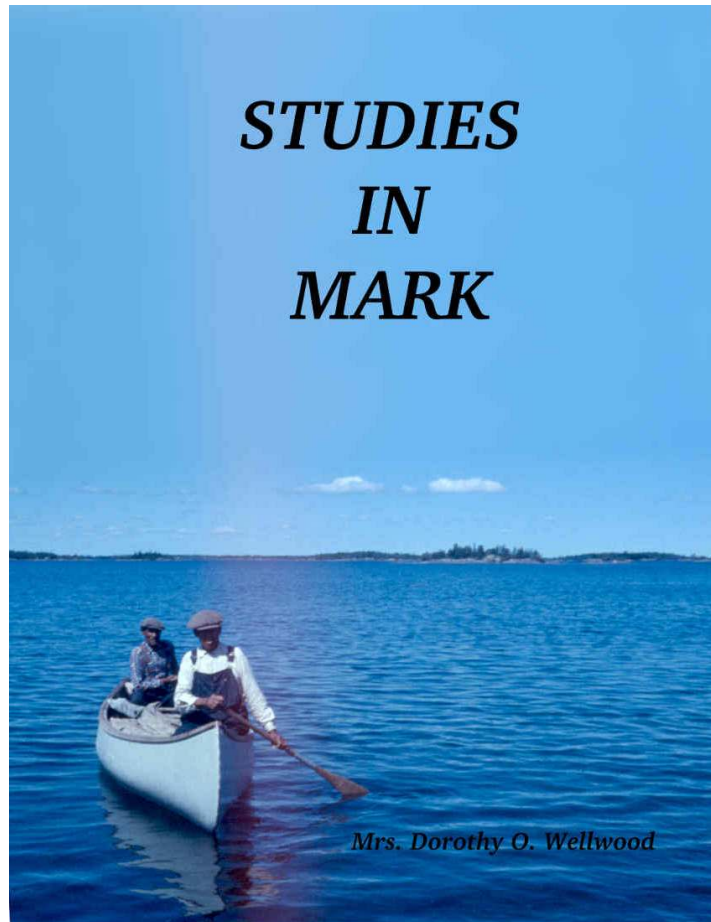


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LESSON 34

MARK 9:30-37

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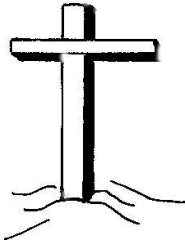
In our last lesson, Jesus cast out a strong demon that lived in a boy. Who brought the boy to Jesus?

Why were the disciples not able to cast out the demon? (Mark 8:20)

READ MARK 9:30-32

JESUS TELLS OF HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION

In today's lesson Jesus left the north country. He passed through . (verse 30) Jesus did not come back to this country again. Jesus left the safe north country and walked south to Jerusalem. Jesus had just done a powerful miracle. (Mark 9:14-29) Crowds of His friends and enemies were around Him. But Jesus was near to the time of His death and He wanted to talk alone to His disciples. He led the disciples through the lonely hills and valleys of Galilee so He could teach them.



1. Three important things Jesus wanted His disciples to know for sure. What three things did Jesus tell them in verse 31?

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

(*Delivered means given up to.*)

2. Read again Mark 8:31. Did Jesus tell His disciples what was going to happen to Him in this verse?

Now He had told them two times what He wanted them to know for sure.

We wonder why the disciples were slow to understand that Jesus was going to die? Perhaps it was because they believed that Jesus would make Himself a king on earth at this time. How could He do that if He was going to die? Or perhaps they did not understand because they did not want to believe Jesus would die.



We knew Philip who had a disease that would make him die. The missionary tried to tell Philip he must get ready to die, but he only laughed and said, "Maybe I not die." He would not believe he would die, because he did not want to die. (We are happy to say that Philip at last gave in. He took Jesus as his Savior and died happy instead of being afraid.)

There are other reasons why people today do not believe what Jesus says. Some people do not want to believe Jesus because they do not want to stop sinning. In John 8:24, Jesus said,

" . . . if ye believe not that I am He, you will die in your sins."

3. The disciples did not understand what Jesus meant. Why did they not ask Him? (verse 32)

READ MARK 9:33-37

WHO IS THE GREATEST?

In these 5 verses Jesus preached a little sermon.

1. Where was Jesus with His disciples in verse 33?
2. Who had a house in this place? (Mark 1:29)



This seems to be the house where Jesus and His disciples met together. Perhaps this was the house they met in now.

3. The disciples had been arguing as they walked along the road to Capernaum. When they all came to the house in Capernaum, Jesus asked the disciples a question. What was the question Jesus asked them? (verse 33)

(Disputing means arguing.)

4. How did the disciples answer Jesus? (verse 34)
5. What had the disciples argued about? (verse 34)

6. Why do you think the disciples did not answer Jesus when He asked them what they argued about?
7. Just when Jesus told the disciples how He must suffer and die, they worried about who would be the greatest in the kingdom of God! No wonder they said nothing when Jesus asked them what they talked about.

Does God know what we talk about? (Psalm 139:4)

Does God even know what we think about? (Psalm 139:2)

8. How would we feel sometimes if Jesus suddenly stood before us and said, "What were you talking about just now?" Does Jesus know already, even before we tell Him?



9. What was the first thing Jesus did in verse 35?

Only a Jewish master had the right to sit down to teach.

When Jesus sat down to teach, He wanted to show His disciples that He had the right to say what He did say.

10. How many people was Jesus going to teach? (verse 35)
The Bible says **the** twelve, so who must they be?
11. It seems to be human nature for people to want to be first. People want to get the best for themselves. People want to be the most important.
What did Jesus tell His disciples they must do if they wanted to be first? (verse 35)
1) _____, 2) _____
12. How do we know that Jesus loves little children? (verse 36)

13. When we receive a little child in Jesus' name, Who did we really receive? (verse 37)
Who else do we receive? (verse 37)

14. The disciples argued about who would be the greatest in the kingdom of God.

Read Matthew 18:4, and tell who Jesus said would be greatest.

We may be surprised when we see who God puts first in His kingdom, and who He puts last. Some great person we would put up high may be at the bottom. Some Christian that nobody notices, but who loves the Lord may be at the top. Jesus said to the Christians, "You are the salt of the earth," but someone has said, we should remember the salt shaker has to be turned upside down before the salt will come out.

The important thing for us is to

"LOVE THE LORD THY GOD WITH ALL THY HEART, AND WITH ALL THY SOUL, AND WITH ALL THY MIND, AND WITH ALL THY STRENGTH . . ."

And let God say who is greatest.

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