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Key Verse: Mark10:32-34

They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them; they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "Look, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the gentiles; they will mock him and spit upon him and flog him and kill him, and after three days he will rise again."

The Reflection:

Over one-third of Mark's Gospel is devoted to describing the events of the last week in the life of Jesus (10:32 – 15:37). As we look at the verses that began that journey, we learn that this is the third time that Jesus predicts his suffering death and resurrection, but while his disciples appear to focus on the 'suffering death' (vs 33-34a) it is Jesus's words of resurrection that are really more important since that is the VICTORY OVER DEATH! Verse 34b "and after three days he will rise again" is not just a message of 'hope' for us, but, rather a fulfilled 'promise' for us!

Yes, we often struggle with the extremity of the why and the how, but we are also comforted in the advantage of knowing that his death on the cross by way of Jerusalem didn't end his journey as his disciples feared.

As we near that week of his passion which will begin on Palm Sunday, just days from now, let us examine our hearts and lives that we may reflect that greatest gift ever given – the sacrifice Jesus the Christ chose for us through his agonizing death and his glorious RISING! May his action lead to our reaction as we are blessed to be cleansed of all our sin and know that we have been reconciled to inherit eternal life.

The Prayer:

Our Gracious God,

We are humbled by the immense love that you have for us – your sacred creation. Flawed and sinful though we are, You didn't and don't give up on us, even as we stray and fall from Your everlasting will. Though we can never imagine Your pain and suffering that we cause, please help and guide us as we try to walk with You on that journey to the cross and the empty tomb.

We ask this for all through Your Holy Name,
I say Amen, Amen & Amen

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