

the gospel of
MARK

Jesus the Suffering King

Mark 14:66-15:1-15

Peter's Inconsistent Life

- Peter says to Jesus, “You are the Christ” - Mark 8:27-31
 - But Peter wants it his way - The Conquering Christ
 - Jesus ushers in His kingdom - The Suffering Christ
- Peter says to Jesus, “I will not leave you, I will die with you”
 - Jesus says, “You will all leave me”

- Two divine strokes of the pen in this plot
 - Suffering is exactly what God the Father wanted for Jesus and Jesus was entirely willing to submit to His plan
 - We can not please God apart from faith “The spirit is indeed willing but the flesh is so weak” - Jesus (Mark 14:38)

Four Questions

Why am I not able to do what I know is right? (Peter)

Will Jesus still love me even when I'm at my worst? (Peter)

Jesus, Why are you here? (Pilate)

Who will free me? (Barabbas)

Questions are answered here:

1 Peter 3:18 “For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.”

What is Peter's Problem?

- Why am I not able to do what I know is right?
 - Boasting of the wrong things: Your strength, how good you are, and what you will do for God
 - Boasting of the right things: Your need for God, your weakness, and His love for you.

The Outpouring of the Spirit (Acts 2:1-4)

- Receive a Helper - He frees us from trying to live the Christian life in our own power. The gospel is not “do more and try harder: rather it is see Jesus and surrender to the Spirit”
- The Spirit has his permanent indwelling to those who received the moment we believed (Romans 8:9, Galatians 3:2 and Ephesians 1:13)

Will Jesus still love me when I am at my worst?

- John 21 - Peter is forgiven, loved and restored
- Peter felt freedom to move towards Jesus in his brokenness
- Jesus uses Peter's pain to restore him, not just love him

Scourging Jesus “Crushed for our iniquities; With his wounds we are healed” Isaiah 53:5

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Reflection

- Does Jesus have your heart?
- Have you received Jesus' Love and Forgiveness?
- Do you know Jesus loves you? Why?
- 30 Day Challenge: 10 minutes per day meditating on Jesus' Love for you!