

THE CROSS OF GUILT AND SHAME

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Mark 10:32-34

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[32] And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, [33] saying, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. [34] And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise.”

INTRODUCTION

If we forget the scandal of the cross we risk also forgetting the salvation it affords.

‘passion prediction.’

- ‘*passio*’ = suffering
- final days of suffering culminating in his death in calvary
- Three ‘passion predictions’ (Mark 8:31, 9:30–31, Mark 10:32-34)

DETERMINATION

Jesus’ resolute attitude tells us two things.

- 1) The cross was Jesus’ choice.

John 10:18–[18] *“No one takes [my life] from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again.”*

- 2) The cross was for Jesus alone.

Isaiah 53:3–[3] *He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.*

DESTITUTION

In Jerusalem, Jesus would take upon himself guilt and shame.

Jesus would be found guilty by the Jewish leaders.

Acts 2:23–[23] *this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God...*

Mark 14:64–[64] *“You have heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?” And they all condemned him as deserving death.*

Jesus was shamed by the gentiles.

Hebrews 2:17–[17] *Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.*

Philippians 2:8–[8] *And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*

But there is a better way; we can trust Jesus with our shame.

Psalms 22:7–8–[7] *All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads; [8] “He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”*

Hebrews 12:2–[2] *looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*

Isaiah 54:4–5–[4] *“Fear not, for you will not be ashamed; be not confounded, for you will not be disgraced; for you will forget the shame of your youth, and the reproach of your widowhood you will remember no more. [5] For your Maker is your husband, the LORD of hosts is his name; and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer, the God of the whole earth he is called.*

Three Points of Application.

- 1) God understands our shame.
- 2) We can be honest with one another in our shame.
- 3) Our shame won't last forever.