*18* STUDY OF MARK 2020

How to Come After Jesus

Mark 8:31-9:1

“Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said, ‘If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.’” (34)

1. After Peter confessed Jesus to be the Christ, what did Jesus teach his disciples about what would happen to Him? (31) Why did Jesus have to suffer these things? (Isa 53:4,5, 1 Peter 2:24, Ac 2:24-28) What does this show about God’s heart towards people?
2. How did Peter respond to what Jesus said? (32) Why was it hard for him to accept? (33b) What are the things of men? (Mk10:35-37) What are the things of God? (31, 34) When Jesus rebuked Peter, why did he say to him “Get behind me Satan!”? (33)
3. What does it mean to “come after” Jesus? (34) What must we do if we want to come after Jesus? What does it mean to deny one’s self? To take up one’s cross? What does it mean to follow Jesus? (Gal 5:24; 2:20) How do we know that this is not optional but compulsory for everyone? (34)
4. Why would someone refuse to deny himself, take up his cross and follow Jesus? (33b, 35) What does it mean to save one’s life? And to lose one’s life for Jesus and the gospel? What is the result for each choice? How would you answer Jesus’ questions in verses 36-37?
5. What does it mean to be ashamed of Jesus? (38) Why are we tempted to be ashamed of Jesus? We live in an adulterous and sinful generation. How can we live lives that acknowledge Jesus as Lord and Christ? (34) What warning does Jesus give if we fail to do this? (38) And promise if we do?