

Opening Eyes to See the Cross
The Messiah Must Suffer
Mark 8:27-33

I. The Question of the Ages (27-29a)

~ Who Do You Say Jesus Is?

II. Peter's Answer - He Sees (29b)

~ You are the Christ (the Messiah)

III. The Further Truth of Jesus (30-32a)

~ The Messiah must Suffer and Die

IV. Peter's Response - He Doesn't See Clearly (32b)

~ The Rebuke (in Matthew's gospel: "Never Lord.")

V. Help to See More Clearly (33)

~ "You do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men."

Point to Ponder: Again (like last week), as we make our way through this mini-sermon series which is meant to aid us in seeing the cross more clearly, ask yourself: How clearly have I seen (understood) the cross? How much does the death of Jesus on the cross shape how I see myself (my identity) and what I expect out of this life (my hopes)?

A Note to Parents: Please know that the children and youth who leave the service during the sermon are looking at the same passage we will consider each week. We hope that you will initiate a conversation with them about this portion of God's Word.

Next Week: Next Sunday we will continue our mini-series out of the Gospel of Mark entitled *Opening Eyes to See the Cross* by looking at **Mark 8:34-38** *The Way of the Cross*.

