

Title: In His footsteps

Passage: Mark 8:27 – 9:1

Outline

Introduction:

Main idea of the passage: Jesus is the Christ who comes to deliver his people by suffering on the cross and thus discipleship must be shaped by his example.

Main point of the passage: To reveal the true identity (the 'suffering' King) and mission of Jesus and what it means to follow him.

Main point of this teaching: To invite Christians to let their discipleship be shaped by the true identity of Jesus as the 'suffering' King.

My goal this morning: To invite us to rethink our understanding of Jesus and reshape our discipleship in light of whom Jesus is.

2 major questions in the gospel of Mark...around one main quest: who is this Jesus? (Marc 1:1)

Development/Body

1. Who is Jesus?
 - a. Who do they say I am? The unpredictable Jesus (8v27-28)
 - b. Who do you say I am? The 'real' Jesus (8v29-33)
 - i. Getting personal (8v29a)
 - ii. The right and wrong answers (8v29b-33)
 - iii. An unclear vision-progressive revelation (8v22-26;10v46-52)
2. What does it mean to follow Jesus? The 'true' disciple (8v34-9v1)
 - a. An invitation to come and die (8v34-37)
 - b. An invitation to come and reign (8v38-9v1)

Conclusion

Jesus is God's Christ-the King who will rule and reign over God's people. He is a suffering King who comes to rescue and save his people by dying on the cross. He invites his disciple to follow after him. Our life and ministries as followers of Jesus need to be shaped and modeled after this.