

MARK
CHAPTER 8:22-33
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THEME:

The works of Jesus the Christ

TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

The Ways and Means of God

INTRODUCTION;

Romans 15:4

For whatsoever things were written before our time were written for our learning,
that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

Why God does *What* He does
is beyond you & I

Job 9:10

God, which doeth great things **past finding out**; yea, and wonders without number.

Romans 11:33b

how unsearchable are his judgments, and **his ways past finding out!**

Isaiah 55:9

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

He delights in variation (Just look at the person next to ya')

When Ashley was born;

We were to show-up at 8:00am to be induced
while were checking-in Ashley decides to come out and now
(1cm. 10 cm NOW)
(I have set before thee an open door that no man can shut)
and 1 hour and 22 minutes later I'm holding this little rocketeer.

When Rebekah was born;

It all began just after **1:00 am** with the water breaking
Lisa got up showered, curled her hair packed the bags showed up at **6:00 am**
for a **4:19pm** launch. (everything happened it stages)

This Morning we'll see Jesus working in stages

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The Blind man of Bethsaida vs. Bartameus

*Not much is Known of Him, Only what is record here
But what we don't know of him tells a lot about him.*

He wasn't born blind;

- Verse 25 *"restored"*(GRK. to bring back,
to recover what was lost
- Verse 24 I see men as trees "

Background Bethsaida

A beautiful location near the shore of the Lake, wild flowers, trees made it a favorite spot for leisure and rest (A postcard kinda place-A Kodak moment)

Verses 22-26

All of this is Jesus' way of communication:
(spiritualize / typology)

1. The taking of the blind man by the hand
2. He led him out of town
3. Spits on his eyes
4. Put His hands on him (Upon the eyes)
5. Asking him if he could see
6. Again the touch and made him look up (Looking up as before)

To me this is a model of the
Progression of Christian growth

Isaiah 28:13a KJV

But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little;

STAGES, STEPS

GOD CAN SAVE IN STAGES (WHAT WE'VE SEEN HERE, STRONG HEALTH CONVERSIONS OVER MONTHS OF TIME)

Hebrews;

Jesus the author (*Creator, originator*) and finisher (*Completer, terminator*) of our faith

The Doctrine is; (*Sanctification*)

The Steps in God's sanctification work in us

Ephesians 1

Saved us before the world began

Matthew 18:11 KJV

For the Son of man is come ***to save*** that which was lost

Romans 5:10 KJV

For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we ***shall be saved*** by his life.

- We ask Him to make us more loving,
So He sends us an unlovable person

- We ask him to cause us to grow in our walk,
So He sends us trials
- We ask him to make us like Jesus
So He sends us opportunities to serve and we point to the other guy

Verse 22

God's ways

Naman, dip seven times in the Jordan river

Verse 24

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 KJV

But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

⁴ In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

1 Corinthians 13:12 KJV

For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

PART TWO, THE SECOND HALF;

Verse 27-33

I like *confrontations*, I like *spiritual mind-benders*

(Because of the God I work for)

It's in the trenches that things happen

Towards Jerusalem,
Betrayal
Post
the Cross

_____The Call to Discipleship_____

You can have your **opinions** about a lotta things.

There is no RIGHT OR WRONG opinion about JESUS CHRIST.

There are right & wrong CONVICTIONS
of Him

Your Confession *about Christ* dictates your belief *in Christ*

Caesarea Philippi;

- *Named after Augustus Caesar*
- *Dedicated to the glory of Rome*

The Citizen where required to proclaim "Caesar is Lord "

1 John 2:22 KJV

Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.

1 John 2:23 KJV

Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: [but] he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.

1 John 4:1 KJV

Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

1 John 4:2 KJV

Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:

1 John 4:3 KJV

And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

The call will move from the healing focus to the saving focus, Jesus sets His heart towards Jerusalem.

Verse 27

Who do men (The populace) say that I am ?

THE ULTIMATE ISSUE

Verse 28

1.) John the Baptist, 2.)Elijah, 3.)One of the.....
They think He's great, A good man, an Enlightened one

But did they think Him to be Messiah?

Verse 29

But who do **YOU** say that I am ?

Romans 10:10 KJV

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

1 Timothy 6:13 KJV

I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession;

Revelation 3:5 KJV

He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

Peter said " You are the Christ " (*Not His last name*)

Every Knee

Philippians 2:10 KJV

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; ¹¹ And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Verse 30

A strong rebuke

The emotional rush, MESSIAH set them on thinking of ease, and instant deliverance. But a cross awaited Him first and news of it brought them crashing down in unbelief

Verse 30-31

Mark 8:30-31 KJV

Then he charged them that they should tell no man about him.

And he ***began*** to teach them, that the Son of man ***must suffer*** many things, and ***be rejected*** of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and ***be killed***, and after three days ***rise again***.

Verse 32

The Greek language here suggest that Peter (*With a parental protection*)

_____ ***Rebuked Jesus repeatedly*** _____

- Stop saying those negative things
 - You'll lose credibility Jesus
 - No one will follow you
 - ***Make it easy***

Verse 33

Jesus seeing the influence (Nodding heads) it made upon the disciples, JESUS REBUKED HIM;

Peter didn't grow fags and get horns and cloven feet
Satan took advantage of His Biblical ignorance

" Get Behind Me "

_____ ***Never Lead Me !*** _____

Failing to obey & believe God's word *will opening your mind to anything*
The word of God is being undermined today; Anything, person, system that causes you to depend upon it weakens

The Philosophy of the world
(Satan's Gospel)

James 3:14-18 KJV

But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. ¹⁵ This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. ¹⁶ For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. ¹⁷ But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. ¹⁸ And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

<i>Sin isn't sin anymore</i>	<i>It's a disease</i>
<i>Idolatry isn't lust anymore</i>	<i>It's addiction</i>
<i>Man's sinned nature</i>	<i>It's self-biased impulse drive</i>
<i>Lust isn't sin</i>	<i>It's compulsive sexual desire</i>
<i>Rebellion isn't sin</i>	<i>It's dysfunctional behavior</i>

The answer is the word of God *(I've tried that)*

And if it's weak in your life it isn't Gods fault

1st.

Romans 12:1-2 KJV

I you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed *by the renewing (By removing and reconstructing, ENG. renovation) of your mind*, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

2nd

Philippians 2:5 KJV

Let (*Allow, open up, invite*) this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

3st.

Philippians 3:13b KJV

this one thing I do, *forgetting (To let go, to neglect)* those things which are behind, I reaching forth unto those things which are before,

Satan speaking	<i>through Peter</i>
Satan thinking	<i>for Peter</i>
Satan leading	<i>by Peter</i>

A revelation from **h**eaven
to
A revelation from **h**ell

What was Peter's error, their error?
The same as ours today

" How can the *Savior suffer*, how can the *Lord lose*, how can how

can *dynasty become death* "

Because of the Mortgage, The debt, The unpaid bill
called S.I.N.

IN CLOSING;

To see clearly eyes must be touched by Him.

Romans 10:9-10 KJV

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

What keeps you from coming to Him Now?

John 12:42 KJV

Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue:

Matthew 10:32-33 KJV

Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. ³³ But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

Repentance;

- THE KEY TO LOCKING YOUR PAST
- THE KEY TO YOUR LIBARATION

Ezekiel 33:11 KJV

Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?