

The Gospel of Mark

Delivered into the Hands of Men

Mark 9:30-32

1. _____
After Jesus first told His disciples of His death and resurrection (Mk. 8:31-32) He continued to teach them about it while revealing more details to them incrementally (Mk. 9:31). He now emphasizes that He would be delivered over to men who will kill Him (cf. Mt. 17:22-23; Lk. 9:44). While the disciples had no clue that one of their number would be responsible for handing Jesus over, Mark's readers already anticipate Judas' betrayal (cf. Mk. 3:19).

2. _____
In the same way that the disciples did not anticipate Judas' betrayal, they also had no clear picture of how Jesus would be killed (cf. Mt. 20:19). That Jesus' death was necessary and that the disciples must understand its necessity was the purpose of Jesus' repetition of this instruction (cf. Mk. 8:31-32; 10:33-34) and of God's instruction to the three disciples (Mk. 9:7; cf. Lk. 9:44).

3. _____
Jesus' emphasis that He would rise from the dead was so strong that even His most strident opponents understood what He meant (cf. Mt. 27:63-66). Jesus prophesied His own resurrection from the dead and He said that it would be the ultimate attestation of His own authority (cf. Jn. 2:18-19; Mt. 12:38-40).