



On the way to the Cross

A study from the
Gospel of Mark

INTRODUCTION

Jesus' story begins long before Creation. He was there when everything was created, and He will be there at the end of time.

Once every year the church calendar allows us to walk through the events of the final weeks of Jesus' life. Some authors call it the Passion of Jesus, still others call it the sufferings of Jesus.

For this study we are going to work from the Gospel of Mark. The Gospel of Mark tells of the ministry of Jesus from his baptism by John the Baptist to his death, burial, and the discovery of his empty tomb. It portrays Jesus as a teacher, a healer, and a miracle worker. Jesus refers to himself as the Son of Man.

The passion or suffering of Jesus include Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, his cleansing of the Temple, his anointing, the Last Supper, Jesus' agony in the Garden, his arrest, his Sanhedrin trial, his trial before Pontius Pilate, his crucifixion and his death on Good Friday, his burial, and the resurrection of Jesus. This all happened during his last week on earth. However, based on Philippians 2:7, Jesus' suffering started at birth, as He had

to humble himself to become a human and to live amongst the people that He came to save.

For the purpose of this study, we are not only going to concentrate on the last week of Jesus' life on earth, but we are beginning approximately six months before His death on the Cross.

The highest, clearest, surest display of the glory of God is in the suffering of the best Person in the universe for millions of undeserving sinners. Therefore, the ultimate reason that suffering exists in the universe is so that Christ might display the greatness of the glory of the grace of God by suffering in himself to overcome our suffering and bring about the praise of the glory of the grace of God.

May this study from the Gospel of Mark, help you to better understand the suffering that Christ had to overcome, to gain salvation for your sins.

Soli Deo Gloria

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