It is not about me!

Mark 9:30-41

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"Self is the most treacherous enemy, and the most insinuating deceiver in the world. Of all other vices, it is both the hardest to find out, and the hardest to cure."

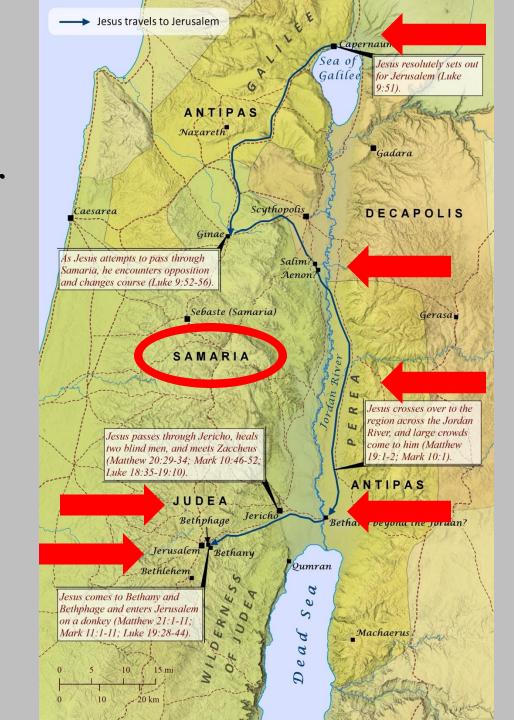
Richard Baxter (1615-1691)



9:30 From there they went out and began to go through Galilee, and He did not want anyone to know about it.



From Galilee
Cross Jordan River
Down Perea
Cross Jordan
Into Judea
Toward Jerusalem



31 For He was teaching His disciples and telling them, "The Son of Man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him; and when He has been killed, He will rise three days later."



32 But they did not understand this statement, and they were afraid to ask



Mark 8:31 And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.



I Don't Have to Be Right 9:30-32

- Distraction 30
- Disbelief 31
- Disappointed 32



"It is harder to deny my proud self than my sinful self!"

THE SERVANT: SAVING

33 They came to Capernaum; and when He was in the house, He began to question them, "What were you discussing on the way?"



34 But they kept silent, for on the way they had discussed with one another which of them was the greatest.



35 Sitting down, He called the twelve and said to them, "If anyone wants to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all."



Prov 3:34 Though He scoffs at the scoffers, Yet He gives grace to the humble.



36 Taking a child, He set him before them, and taking him in His arms, He said to them,



37 "Whoever receives one child like this in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me does not receive Me, but Him who sent Me."



I Don't Have to Be First 9:33-37

- Exposed 33,34
- Excellence 35
- Example 36,37



"It was through Pride that the devil became the devil: Pride leads to every other vice: it is the completely anti-God state of mind."

C.S. Lewis - Mere Christianity



38 John said to Him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in Your name, and we tried to prevent him because he was not following us."



39 But Jesus said, "Do not hinder him, for there is no one who will perform a miracle in My name, and be able soon afterward to speak evil of Me.



40 For he who is not against us is for us.



41 For whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because of your name as followers of Christ, truly I say to you, he will not lose his reward.



I Don't Have to Be Included 9:38-41

- Team Jealous 38
- Team Justice 39
- Team Jesus 40,41



"Pride is the sin we cannot see in ourselves and yet so detest in others." Kent Hughes



It is NOT about me! Or you!

- Who do you need to apologize to?
 - THEY WERE NOT WRONG!
- Who do you need to restore?
 - THEY WERE NOT SERVING BADLY!
- Who do you need to assist?
 - THEY WERE NOT IN THE WRONG PLACE!



"Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall." Prov 16:18 "When pride comes, then comes shame; but with the humble is wisdom."

Prov 11:2

"A man's pride will bring him low, but the humble in spirit will retain honor."

Prov 29:23



It is impossible to see Jesus

in the mirror!

THE SERVANT: SAVING

"God sends no one away empty except those who are full of themselves."

D.L. Moody



