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THE GOSPEL IN ACTION

Intro: Five Men From Wheaton



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A faint, circular background illustration depicting a stormy sea. In the foreground, a boat is shown navigating through large, dark waves. The sky is filled with swirling lines representing wind and rain. In the upper right corner, a large, bright sun or moon is partially obscured by clouds. The overall scene conveys a sense of a perilous journey.

Mark 8:31-33

I. The Cost of Saving the World (31-33)

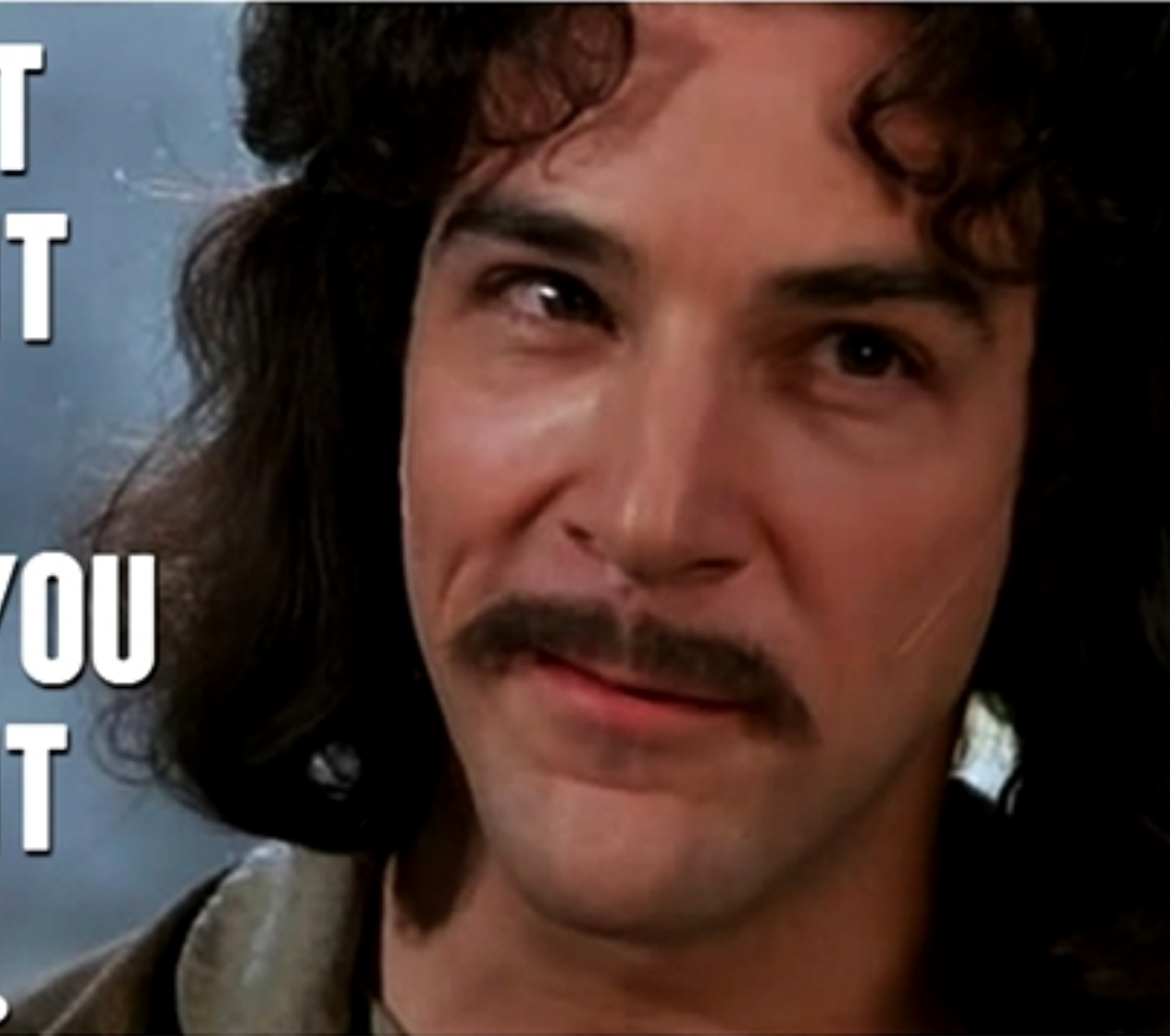
For the first time in Mark's Gospel, Jesus speaks **PLAINLY** about what it means to be the Messiah!

I. The Cost of Saving the World (31-33)

When Peter declared that Jesus is Lord, he was thinking in terms of an EARTHLY ruler... the Davidic King who would establish God's Kingdom!

I. The Cost of Saving the World (31-33)

**I DO NOT
THINK IT
MEANS
WHAT YOU
THINK IT
MEANS.**



I. The Cost of Saving the World (31-33)

Son of Man (see Daniel 7:13-14)

A faint, light-colored illustration of a globe serves as the background. The globe is centered and shows a ship with three masts sailing on the right side. The lines of the globe are subtle and blend into the overall texture of the page.

I. The Cost of Saving the World (31-33)

**The road to the Eternal Kingdom
comes by way of SUFFERING!**

I. The Cost of Saving the World (31-33)

Who causes the suffering and death of the Messiah? Not the **WORST** of humanity, but the very **BEST!**

I. The Cost of Saving the World (31-33)

Jesus predicts His own Resurrection... and the disciples can't comprehend this (even though they have seen Him raise Jairus' daughter already).

I. The Cost of Saving the World (31-33)

Sin cannot be overlooked or wished away... it must be PAID FOR... and this is what Jesus will do at the Cross!

I. The Cost of Saving the World (31-33)

"Get behind me Satan" - why Satan? Jesus hears in Peter's words the same temptation Satan threw at him in Mark 1. Be King now... take the Crown without the Cross.

I. The Cost of Saving the World (31-33)

**If Jesus abandons the Cross,
humanity remains DEAD IN
THEIR SIN... He may be King, but
there will be no citizens in the
Heavenly City!**

A faint, circular background illustration of a stormy sea. The scene is rendered in a light, sketchy style. In the foreground, a large, curling wave is depicted with many fine, parallel lines. In the middle ground, a boat is shown, tilted as if caught in the waves. The background features a sky with some clouds and a sun or moon partially obscured by a cloud. The overall tone is muted and atmospheric.

Mark 8:34-38

II. The Cost of Following the Savior (34-38)

There is a cost to Jesus... but there is
also a cost for those who would
FOLLOW Jesus!

II. The Cost of Following the Savior (34-38)

Deny yourself - doesn't mean we don't enjoy life... but the center of gravity shifts from *ourselves* to doing the will of GOD!

II. The Cost of Following the Savior (34-38)

Take up your cross - TOTAL ALLEGIANCE... I will follow no matter what it costs me (even this earthly life).

II. The Cost of Following the Savior (34-38)

This sounds extreme to 21st Century Americans... but to Roman Christians in 65 AD, martyrdom was a real possibility under Emperor Nero.

II. The Cost of Following the Savior (34-38)

Jesus is not calling us to throw our lives away... rather, He is calling us to **INVEST** them for something even greater... His Kingdom!

II. The Cost of Following the Savior (34-38)

(Earthly life)



If you want to save your life, you will lose it.



(Eternal life)

II. The Cost of Following the Savior (34-38)

Even if we could gain **EVERYTHING** this world has to offer (at the expense of Eternal Life), that would be a **BAD DEAL** according to Jesus.

II. The Cost of Following the Savior (34-38)

Discipleship that costs us nothing in this life is not real discipleship.

II. The Cost of Following the Savior (34-38)

**When our greatest concern involves
THIS WORLD, we will be ashamed
to speak of Jesus.**

II. The Cost of Following the Savior (34-38)

But if we are really His Disciples, we would *gladly* trade anything in this life in order to be with Jesus in the Heavenly Kingdom.

Conclusion: They Were No Fools

Philippians 3:7-8

Compared to the GLORY of knowing Christ eternally, the things of this world are RUBBISH (garbage)!

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HE IS NO FOOL
WHO GIVES WHAT
HE CANNOT KEEP
TO GAIN THAT
WHICH HE
CANNOT LOSE.

Jim Elliot



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Steve Saint, son of Nate Saint

Conclusion: They Were No Fools

The Auca (savages) now go by the name Waodani (people of God), and they are missionaries to the unreached tribes in the Ecuadorian jungle.

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May we **COUNT THE COST** of following Jesus... and may we consider that cost to be **NOTHING** compared to the greatness of being with Jesus for all Eternity!



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