

## BROKEN FOR US

### A Lent Sermon Series

"No Suffering, No Glory. Know Suffering, Know Glory"

Mark 8:31-38 | Sunday, March 15th, 2026

~ Mark 8, gives us the most teaching that came directly from the mouth of our Savior. At this point in Jesus' life, He was inching closer to his arrest; his trial; and then ultimately what would become one of the most horrific executions in human history.

#### > How does last week's sermon connect to this weeks?

Last Sunday, we heard about covenants and their role in Scripture. Genesis 8:20 showed us that Noah sacrificed clean animals on an altar before the Lord.

~ This was a reminder to show us that covenants, historically, have always contained a level of sacrifice & suffering. Someone or something had to pay for breaking the covenant!

> We must remember then that there is no good without bad. The gospel is good news; but it is soooooo good because the bad news is so severe.

> My aim for the message today is to teach or maybe change our perspective on suffering in the Christian life. This is so crucial! We need a proper understanding of suffer as it pertains to the teaching of Scripture.

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Mark 8:31 - "He began teaching them that the Son of Man *must* suffer many things..."

~ 2 additional places in Mark's gospel where Jesus said the same thing = Mark 9:31 & Mark 10:33-34

#### > The Usage of the Word "must" in the NT:

~ the first usage of the word "must" communicates a concept of necessity that is brought on by circumstances of others.

~ a second usage communicates a necessary aspect of certain things happening so that a particular event must occur.

c.f. - Luke 12... the disciples will (must) receive help in preaching the good news!

~ a final usage communicates necessity that comes from a law, or command, that was established by the counsel or decree of God.

c.f. - Matthew 17 ... Jesus took Peter, James, and John up on the mountain to observe the transfiguration. But they must not tell anyone what they saw until something very special happened = the death & resurrection of Jesus.

#### ~ The 4x4 of Mark 8 ~

> Jesus gives a handful of imperative statements in the form of a question ... but he uses the word "for."

**a)** Self - \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 34)

*"If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."*

**b)** \_\_\_\_\_ Life (v. 35)

*"For whoever would save his life will lose it..."*

**c)** Self - \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 36-38)

*"For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?"*

~ cf. Philippians 1:21 = *"For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain."*