

Is He Worthy?

Following the Call of Jesus – Mark 8:31–9:1

Intro:

[What an incredible day last Sunday was – Easter Sunday! Pre-Service Prayer / Worship packed / Great word / donuts (Caleb had 12!) / Visitors here / Friends over / Easter Egg Hunt / Only 1 thing could have made it better – CFA! ☺]

IMAGE: Well today we are starting Follow Part 2 – Following the Call of Jesus
E.g. Video – song in head all week – Is He Worthy? By Andrew Peterson, vid by Shane & Shane – watch the pics

NEED: And in addition to the song being in my head all week – question God has been asking me:
Q – Is He Worthy? Is my Son Jesus Worthy? Of all worship, blessing, honor & glory?
You've answered yes with your lips, now will you answer yes with your life?

Is He worthy of your heart? Obedience? Sac. Giving? Time & talents? Worship with tongue? Attitude? Mind – what you think about? Eyes – what you look at?

Is He worthy of whole-life discipleship? Radical abandonment?

SUBJECT: Mark is writing to a group of Christians who are being asked the very same question (is Jesus Christ worthy of all worship and blessing and honor with our lips and with our lives?) and ...

And in our passage today Mark is going to tell the readers – He is Worthy! Of All Worship, Blessing & Honor!
With your lips & your life!

TEXT: Turn with me to Mark 8:31–9:1 [Words will be on the screen]

PREVIEW: As I read this we're going to see: (a) Why He is Worthy (b) What He is Worthy Of

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And he said to them, 'Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see that the kingdom of God has come with power.'

Context:

- Mark has been taking the readers on a journey – following the Person of Jesus in Mark 1 – 8:30
- **[** Reminder of All Mark has revealed in Mark 1-8 – remember this? 'He's the One Who'!!**]**
- Right up to this incredible confession – Mark 8:29 – You are the Christ
- Mark 8:31 – He THEN began to teach them – (a) His Mission; (b) His Call ... and being the magnificent messiah – here's why he is worthy of all worship with our lips & life ...

[Why is He Worthy?]

I. He's the Son of Man Who Set His Face Upon the Cross & Followed His Father, No Matter What the Cost (8:31–33)

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- Son of Man
- Must
- Suffer Many Things / Be Rejected by the Sanhedrin
- Killed
- After 3 Days Rise Again
- No Matter What the Suffering
- No Matter How Much Satanic Attack
- **E.g. Gethsemane** – Jesus was right beside the escape route but did not quit

[What is He Worthy of?]

II. You & I Picking Up Our Cross & Following Our Savior, No Matter What the Cost (8:34–9:1)

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- If anyone wants to be my disciple
- Deny Himself
- Die to Self
- Devote Your Self
- Even if it costs you your stuff or all this world has to offer
- Even if it costs your reputation and all this world can throw at you
- E.g. Francis Chan's Rope Illustration

[How does this apply to us today?]

III. He is Worthy! Pick Up Your Cross & Follow Your Savior No Matter What the Cost [HP]

E.g. Jim Elliot

E.g. Dietrich Bonhoeffer

E.g. C. T. Studd

FOLLOW

JESUS THROUGH THE BOOK OF MARK

PART 2: FOLLOW THE CALL OF JESUS



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MARK 8:31-9:1

Jesus in Mark 1-8

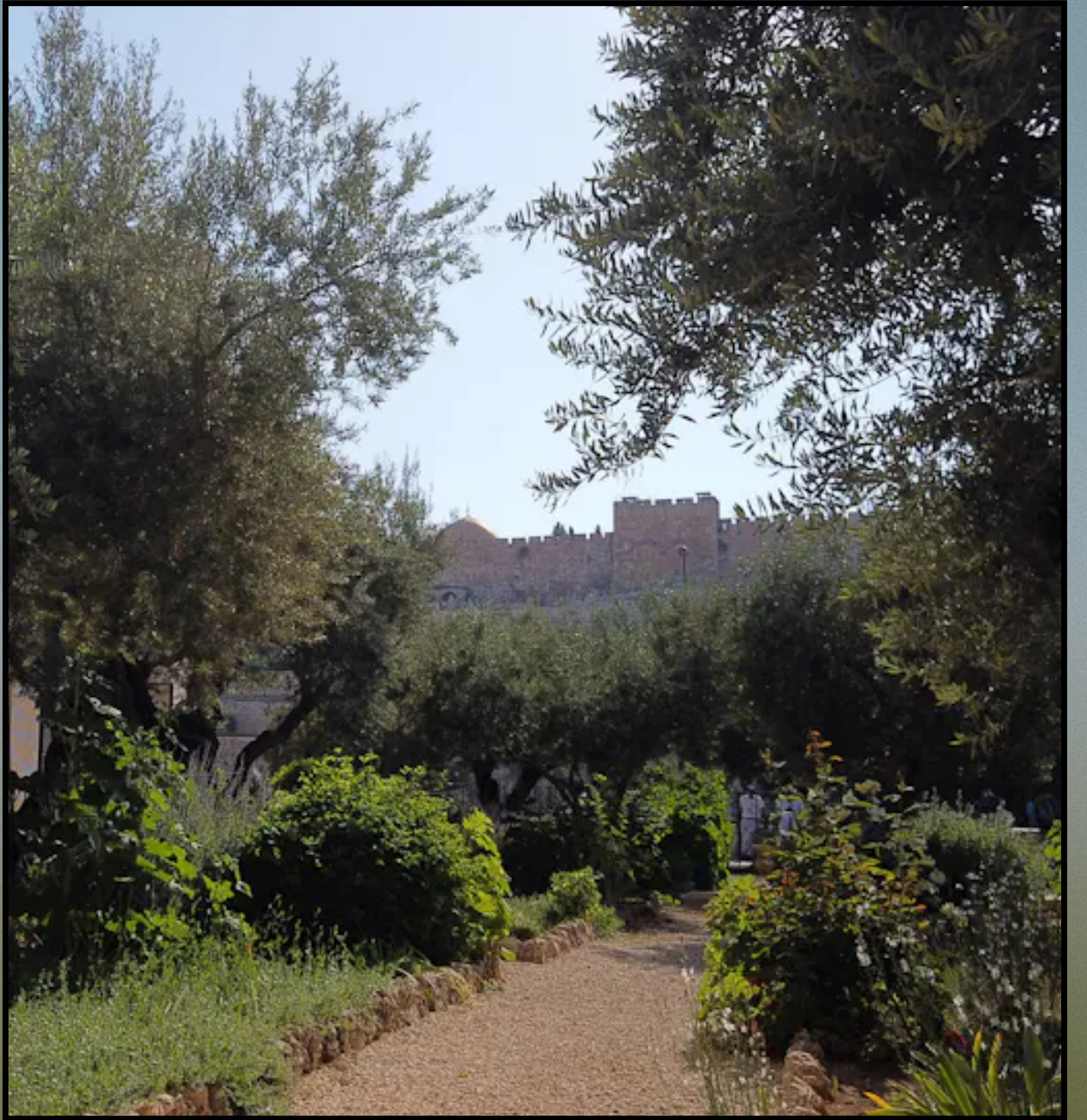
He's the One Who ...

(1)	The Spirit is Poured Out Upon @ the Beginning of His Public Ministry	Mark 1:10
(2)	The Father Declares to be the Son of God	Mark 1:11
(3)	Went to War with Satan And Could Not be Deterred from His Mission	Mark 1:12-13
(4)	Taught with Authority No One Had Ever Seen Before	Mark 1:21-22
(5)	Terrified Demons & Drove Them Out with One Word	Mark 1:23
(6)	Healed the Sick & Those Slammed on their Beds with Fever	Mark 1:29-31
(7)	Set the Miserable & Those with Strongholds Free, Serving Late into the Night	Mark 1:32-34
(8)	Touched & Healed a Leper as He is Filled with Compassion	Mark 1:40-45
(9)	Healed a Paralytic & Forgave Him of His Sins	Mark 2:1-11
(10)	Transformed the Tax Collectors	Mark 2:13-17
(11)	Healed a Man with a Shriveled Hand & Brought Complete Restoration	Mark 3:1-6
(12)	Before Whom Evil Spirits Fell Down & Declared "You are the Son of God"	Mark 3:7-12
(13)	Stands Victorious over Beelzebub, the Prince of Demons, & Came to Bind Satan	Mark 3:20-30
(14)	Scattered the Seed of God's Word So Human Hearts Could be Completely Transformed	Mark 4:1-20)
(15)	Is the Light of the World, Whose Kingdom like a Mustard Seed Starts Small but will Grow to Take Over the Whole World	Mark 4:21-34
(16)	Calmed the Storm & Told the Wind & Waves to be Still	Mark 4:35-41
(17)	Set the Demoniac with Legions of Demons Free, Driving Them into a Herd of Pigs	Mark 5:1-20
(18)	Raised Jairus's Daughter from the Dead & Healed a Bleeding Woman Who Had Suffered for 12 Years	Mark 5:21-43
(19)	Fed 5,000 People with Just 5 Loaves & 2 Fish	Mark 6:30-44
(20)	Walked on Water Towards His Struggling Disciples & Says "It is I"	Mark 6:45-51
(21)	Crowds Rushed to Lay the Sick Before & With 1 Touch of the Edge of His Cloak They Were Healed	Mark 6:53-56
(22)	Drove out the Evil Spirit from a Syro Phoenician Woman's Daughter	Mark 7:24-30
(23)	Healed a Deaf & Mute Man	Mark 7:31-37
(24)	Fed 4,000 People from 7 Loaves & a Few Small Fish	Mark 8:1-13
(25)	Healed a Blind Man, at First Partially, Then with Crystal Clear Sight ... Leading to Peter's Confession - "You are the Christ!"	Mark 8:22-26; 27-30

(1) HE'S THE SON OF MAN WHO SET HIS FACE UPON THE CROSS & FOLLOWED HIS FATHER, NO MATTER WHAT THE COST

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MARK 8:31-33



(2) YOU & I PICKING UP OUR CROSS & FOLLOWING OUR SAVIOR,
NO MATTER WHAT THE COST

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III. HE IS WORTHY! PICK UP YOUR CROSS & FOLLOW YOUR SAVIOR
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