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Text of the Lesson, Mark viii, 27, to ix, 1-Memory Verses, 38, 37-Golden Text, Matt. xvi, 16-Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

This lesson is recorded also in Matt. gyl and Luke ix, and we will consider It with the harmony of the gospels before us. Mimpriss in his harmony says that this is the first particular prediction concerning the rejection the death and the resurrection of the Christ and was probably apart from the multitude and is the first key op posed to the leaven of the Pharisees Matthew and Mark say that He had come into the coasts or towns of Caesa ren Philippi, and Luke adds that He was alone praying, His disciples being with Him. We shall see in the next tesson that He was praying also at the time of His transfiguration (Luke ix 18, 29). Luke records other instances of His praying in chapters iii. 21: vi. 12; xi, 1; xxii, 41; xxiii, 34. He ever talked with His Father in heaven with the same realization of His presence as that of the people about Him.

People talked about Him and had their opinions as they have today. The Pharisees who believed in a resurrection thought that He might be John he Baptist or Elijah or Jeremiah or me of the prophets, at which, no loubt, the Sadducees scoffed, for they lid not believe in resurrection or spirit, but the Pharisees confessed both (Acts rxiii, 8). His next question is the one that should lay hold of our hearts. Whom say re that I am?" or as He out it to the Pharisees at another time. 'What think ye of Christ?" (Matt.

It should not so much concern me what others say, but what does my neart say, what is He to me person lly? Simon Peter, generally the pokesman, answered, "Thou art the 'hrist, the Son of the living God" verse 20; Matt. xvi. 16). See his similar testimony in John vi. 69, and that of Martha in John xi, 27. Can I look upon Him with His eyes as a fame of fire searching me through and through and say, O Lord, thou art o me the risen living Christ, my perconal Saviour. If so, then blessed am I. for our Father in heaven has taught me by His spirit (Matt. xvi, 17). The works translated Peter and rock in Matt. xvi. 18, are not quite the same, the first signifying a piece of rock easily moved and the other a solid rock immovable. The rock foundation is the great truth that Jesus is God and other foundation can no man lay (I Cor. ifi, 11; Acts iv, 12).

The church built on this and on His great atonement as God can never be moved. The company of all true be lievers in Him constitutes this church. and all else must come to naught Peter was given the keys of the king lom, not the church, and the church is the kingdom, but the heavenly cen ter of it. From that time and repeatedly He began to tell them that at the hands of the elders, chief priests and scribes He must suffer many things, be rejected and killed and aft er three days rise again (verses 31; ix. 31; x. 33, 34); but, although to us eemingly so plain. His disciples did not receive these sayings, not even Peter and John, and it is written conerning them that up to the time of His actual resurrection from the dead hey knew not the Scripture that He nust rise again from the dead Gohn tx, 9). They had not received the message of the prophets that the Mes ciah must suffer, die, be buried and ise again, though we can see it plain y in such passages as Ps. xxii; Isa iii; Dan. ix, 26; Zech. xii, 10; xiii, 6. 7. Peter therefore said that He shoul not speak of suffering: "Re it far from Thee, Lord. This shall not be unto Thee." "Pity thyself" (Matt. xvi, 22 ind margin). Mark our Lord's reply and note that what is not of God is of

the devil and is an offense to God. Bellevers are either a sweet savo of Christ or salt that has lost its savor There is no room for self in a discipi of Christ. It must be always a denial of self, taking up the cross daily and following Him; always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus may be manifest in us; reckon ing ourselves dead unto sin and alive unto God (II Cor. iv, 10, 11; Rom. vi. 11). There is no cross of gold or jet or jewels or flowers seen in Scripture.

but only a cruel cross of death. It means crucified to the world and the world to us, seeing Jesus only. To one life means business, to another his profession, to another pleasure, to an other this or that great scheme, phil anthropic perhaps, or just to make money, but one who is right with God says, "To me to live is Christ." He does not ask us to suffer with Him without setting before us the glory of the kingdom to which He has called (I Thess. II, 12; II Thess. II, 14; I Pet v. 10), and to which He refers in verses 38 of our lesson, and which we shall see more clearly in next week's study of the transfiguration, and to which the last verse of this lesson (Mark ix. 1) clearly belongs. It was the God of glory who appeared to Abraham (Acts vii, 2), and we can only be sustained in the patient waiting, as He and others were. But the church as a whole is as blind to the glory of His kingdom as the disciples were to His death and resurrection, not because it is not plainly, revealed, but because other thoughts and ways leave no

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