

Why did Jesus the Christ enter the world?

- *to Seek and save that which was lost (Luke 19.10)
- *to lay down his life for his sheep (John 10.11)
- *to give his life as a ransom for many (Mark 10.45)
- *he will save his people from their sins (Mark 1.21)

• **CONTEXT of Mark 8-9**

- the RECOGNITION of the Christ (8:27-30)
- the REJECTION of the Christ (8:31-33)
- the REQUIREMENTS of the Christ (8:34-38)
- the RADIANCE of the Christ (9:1-13)

Mark chapters 8-10 now lead us to the Passion Week with two repeated themes: the sufferings of the Messiah & submission to the Messiah (the divine mission & the discipleship mission); cf. Mark 8:31; 9:31; 10:33-34.

I. BEHOLD YOUR SUFFERING SAVIOR! (31)

✓ WHAT ARE THE DIVINE NECESSITIES of Christ's Passion.

1. He must **SUFFER**
2. He must be **REJECTED**
3. He must be **KILLED**
4. He must **RISE AGAIN**

◆ **SCRIPTURES on SUFFERINGS OF MESSIAH:**

- ✓ Isaiah 53
- ✓ Psalm 22
- ✓ Zechariah 12:10
- ✓ Dan 9:24-27
- ✓ **Jesus affirmed this: Luke 24:25 & Luke 24:45!**
That wrath would have kindled a hell Of never-abating despair,

Mark 8:31-33 — "The Divine Plan: Messiah Must Suffer & Die"

In millions of creatures, which fell On Jesus, and spent itself there.

'Twas justice that burst in a blaze Of vengeance on Jesus, our Head;

— J. Swain (*Gadsby Hymnal*)

II. BEWARE OF WORLDLY THINKING! (32-33)

Peter's rebuke (32)

Jesus' rebuke (33)

✓ how do you know when your mind is NOT on God's interests but *man's*?

◆ **here are 4 warning flags —**

1. when we get angry at God's plans - and what he is doing in our lives.
2. when we begin to talk back at God and excoriate him for his works [maybe not external outrage, but internal anger]
3. when we begin to think that we have a better plan than God.
4. when we view life physically/emotionally rather than biblically/discerningly.

✓ How do you actively put your mind on God's interests, not man's?

◆ **here are 4 active pursuits —**

- ◆ Study God's Word
- ◆ Submit to Christ
- ◆ Refuse to Complain
- ◆ Trust His Plan

HERE IS LOVE

Here is love vast as the ocean,
Loving-kindness as the flood,
When the Prince of Life, our ransom,
Shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten
Throughout heav'n's eternal days.

On the Mount of Crucifixion,
Fountains opened deep and wide;
Through the flood-gates of God's mercy
Flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love like mighty rivers
Poured incessant from above;
Heaven's peace and perfect justice
Kissed a guilty world in love.

THERE IS A REDEEMER

There is a redeemer
Jesus, God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One

Thank you, oh my father
For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit
'Til the work on Earth is done

Jesus my redeemer
Name above all names
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah
Oh, for sinners slain

ROCK OF AGES

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood,
from thy wounded side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure;
save from wrath and make me pure.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
simply to the cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress;
helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly;
wash me, Savior, or I die.