

Sermon Series: **The Gospel of Mark**
Sermon Title: **The Prediction of His Death and Resurrection**
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I.	THE CRITICAL DISTINCTION OF HIS MESSIANIC PURPOSE	8:31-33
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	of the inadequate, incomplete, and incorrect confession of 8:29, 30.	
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	Pss 49:6-9; 52:7 (7-9); Pro 11:4	

Summary: being a disciple of Christ is demanding, costly, and even hazardous to our health. However, the peril of failing to persevere in Christ and shrinking back from him and the Christian faith is infinitely worse. Recall the book of Hebrews; especially 2:1-4; 3:7-4:13; 6:1-6; 10:26-31, 39; 12:29.