Mark

The **Gospel** of the **Servant of God**

I. The ***Service*** of the **Servant** (1:1-10:52)

G. **His Preeminence** in **Galilee** (6:1-9:50)

1. The ***Poor*** **Reception** in **Nazareth** (6:1-6a)
2. The ***Pairing*** and **Sending** of the **Twelve** (6:7-13)
3. The ***Plight*** of **John the Baptist** (6:14-29)
4. The ***Provision*** for the **5,000** (6:30-44)
5. The ***Power*** over the **Elements** (6:45-56)
6. The ***Pointed*** **Response** concerning **Impurity** (7:1-23)
7. The ***Plea*** of the **Gentile Woman** (7:24-30)
8. The ***Powerful*** **Healing** of the **Deaf Mute** (7:31-37)
9. The ***Provision*** for the **4,000** (8:1-21)

10. The ***Proclamation*** of **Messiah's Rejection** (8:22-38)

a. The ***Curing*** of the **Blind Man** (8:22-26)

[22] And they came to **Bethsaida.**
And they brought a **blind man** to **Jesus** and implored Him to **touch him**.

[23] Taking the **blind man** by the **hand**, **He** brought him **out** of the village;
and after ***spitting*** on **his eyes** and **laying His hands** on him,
He asked him, "Do you **see** anything?"

[24] And he **looked up** and said,
"**I see men**, for I see *them* like **trees**, walking around."

[25] Then **again He laid His hands** on **his eyes**; and he **looked *intently***
and **was restored**, and *began* to **see everything clearly**.

[26] And **He** sent him to **his home**, saying, "Do **not** even **enter** the village."

b. The ***Confession*** of **Peter** (8:27-30)

[27] **Jesus** went out, along with **His disciples**, to the villages of **Caesarea Philippi**;
and on the way **He *questioned* His disciples**, saying to them,
"***Who*** do **people say** that **I am**?"

[28] They told **Him**, saying, "**John the Baptist**; and others *say* **Elijah**;
but others, one of the **prophets**."

[29] And **He** *continued* by **questioning** them, "But ***who*** do **you** say that **I am?"**
Peter answered and said to **Him**, "**You are the Messiah**."

[30] And **He warned** them to tell ***no one*** about **Him**.

c. The ***Confirmation*** of **His Suffering** and **Death** (8:31-33)

[31] And **He** began to **teach them** that the **Son of Man** must **suffer** many things
and be **rejected** by the **elders** and the **chief priests** and the **scribes**,
and be **killed**, and after **three days rise again**.

[32] And **He** was **stating** the matter ***plainly.***
And **Peter** took **Him** aside and began to ***rebuke* Him**.

[33] But turning around and seeing **His disciples,**
He *rebuked* Peter and said, "**Get behind Me, Satan**;
for you are **not** setting your mind on **God's interests**, but **man's**."

d. The ***Character*** of **Messianic Discipleship**

[34] And **He summoned** the ***crowd*** with **His *disciples***, and said to them,
"If anyone wishes to **come after Me**, he must **deny himself**,
and **take up** his **cross** and **follow Me**.

[35] For whoever wishes to ***save* his life** will **lose it**, but whoever
loses his life for **My sake** and the **gospel's** will **save it**.

[36] For ***what*** does it **profit** a man to ***gain*** the **whole world**, and **forfeit his soul**?

[37] For what will a man **give** in **exchange** for **his soul**?

[38] For whoever is **ashamed of Me** and **My words** in this adulterous
and sinful generation, the **Son of Man** will also be ***ashamed*** of **him** when
He comes in the **glory** of **His Father** with the **holy angels**."

Personal Application
The **Character** of **Messianic *Discipleship***

→ **Definition**— **What** is a **Disciple**? – A **disciple** is a **follower** or a **devotee** of a **teaching** or **person** (Logos Bible). A **disciple** is a **learner**, or **follower** who not only

adheres to the **teachings** of a **leader**, but also ***lives them out*** through **practice** and **commitment** (Al Overview). As ***believers*** we are seeking to **learn** and **follow** the **life** and **teaching** of **Jesus the Messiah**, and have **committed** ourselves in **service** to **Him.**

Messiah's "Plain" Teaching on ***Discipleship*** (Mark 8:29, 34-38)

A. **Messianic *discipleship begins*** by **confessing Jesus** as **Messiah** and **Lord**, and placing our **faith** and **belief** in **Him** for **salvation** (8:29-33).

...if you **confess** with your **mouth Jesus *as* Lord**,
and **believe** in your ***heart*** that **God raised Him** from the **dead**,
you will be **saved**;

for with the ***heart*** a person **believes**, resulting in **righteousness**,
and with the **mouth** he **confesses**, resulting in **salvation**. (Romans 10:9-10)

B. **Messianic *discipleship*** requires **self-denial**—the **setting aside** of our own present **desires** and **pursuits** in **this life** in order to **follow after** the **life, teachings**, and **purposes** of our **Messiah** and **Lord.**

"If anyone wishes to **come after Me**, he must **deny himself**,,,"(8:34a)

That's what **Jesus did**:

For you know the **grace** of our **Lord Jesus** the **Messiah**,
that though **He was *rich***, yet for your sake **He became *poor***,
so that ***you*** through **His *poverty*** might become **rich**.
(II Corinthians 8:9, also Philippians 2:5-8)

C. **Messianic *discipleship* requires** that we "**take up** our **own cross** and **follow Him**" (Mark 8:34b). This means that, as **Messiah's disciples** we will have a **"cross"** to **bear,** and can expect a measure of **affliction**, **burdens, rejection**, and possibly ***death*** in **this life** as we follow in the **footsteps** of **Jesus**.

Indeed, ***all*** who **desire** to **live godly in Messiah Jesus** will be **persecuted**.
(II Timothy 3:12)

For **you** have been ***called*** for this **purpose**, since **Messiah** also **suffered**
for ***you***, leaving you an **example** for you to **follow in His steps**,

WHO COMMITTED **NO SIN**, **NOR** WAS **ANY DECEIT** FOUND IN HIS MOUTH;

and while **being *reviled***, **He** did **not *revile*** in return; while ***suffering***,
He uttered ***no threats***, but kept **entrusting *Himself*** to **Him** who **judges righteously**;
(I Peter 2:21-23)

D. **Messianic *discipleship* acknowledges** that the one who **saves (lives**) his **life** of **worldly, self-centered pursuits** (**instead** of **Messiah**) will **lose it** (his **life**).
But the **one** who **loses his life** for **Messiah's sake** and the **gospel's** will receive **life eternal** (Mark 4:35)

> For whoever wishes to ***save* his life** will **lose it**, but whoever
> **loses his life** for **My sake** and the **gospel's** will **save it** (8:35).

E. **Messianic *discipleship* believes** that it **profits** a man **nothing** if he ***gain*** the **whole world**, but ***loses*** his **life** (**eternally**). For what is more ***valuable*** than **one's life** (his ***immortal* soul**) (Mark 4:36-37).

> For ***what*** does it **profit** a man to ***gain*** the **whole world**, and **forfeit his soul**? (8:36)

F. **Messianic *discipleship*** means that we can expect to be **ridiculed** and and **shamed** by an "adulterous and sinful generation." However, we should **never** be **ashamed** of **Jesus our Messiah**, and **His teachings**. For whoever is **ashamed** of **Him**;

> ..,the **Son of Man** will also be ***ashamed*** of **him** when
> **He comes** in the **glory** of **His Father** with the **holy angels** (8:38b)."
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> For I am **not ashamed** of the **gospel**,
> for it is the ***power* of God** for **salvation** to everyone who **believes**,
> to the **Jew first** and also to the **Greek** (Romans 1:16).

Closing Text

But whatever things were ***gain* to me**,
those things I have counted **as *loss*** for the **sake of Messiah**.

More than that, I count **all things** to be ***loss*** in view
of the **surpassing *value*** of ***knowing* Messiah Jesus my Lord**,
for whom I have ***suffered*** the ***loss*** of **all things**,
and count them but **rubbish** so that I may **gain Messiah**,

and may be found **in Him**, **not** having a **righteousness** of **my own**
derived from ***the* Law**, but that which is through **faith** in **Messiah,**
the **righteousness** which *comes* **from God** on the basis of **faith**,

that I may ***know Him*** and the ***power*** of **His resurrection**
and the ***fellowship*** of **His sufferings**, being **conformed** to **His death**;

in order that I may **attain** to the **resurrection** from **the dead**. (Philippians 3:7-11)