

WHO DO YOU



SAY I AM ?



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO **MARK**

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Mark 8:31

*"...the Son of Man **must suffer many things and be rejected** by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that **he must be killed** and after three days **rise again.**"*

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31“The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise.”

32 But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.

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³³ "We are going up to Jerusalem," he said, "and **the Son of Man will be delivered over** to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. **They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles,** ³⁴ **who will mock him and spit on him, flog him and kill him. Three days later he will rise."**

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Yet...

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³³ *They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, “**What were you arguing about on the road?**”* ³⁴ *But they kept quiet because on the way **they had argued about who was the greatest.***

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³⁵ ...“Teacher,” they said, **“we want you to do for us whatever we ask.”**

³⁶ “What do you want me to do for you?” he asked.

³⁷ They replied, **“Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.”**

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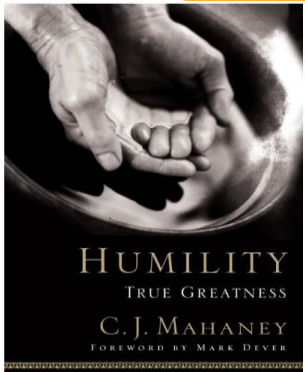
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Pride takes innumerable forms but has only one end: self-glorification. That's the motive and ultimate purpose of pride—to rob God of legitimate glory and to pursue self-glorification, contending for supremacy with Him. The proud person seeks to glorify himself and not God, thereby attempting in effect to deprive God of something only He is worthy to receive. No wonder God opposes pride.



C.J. Mahaney – Humility: True Greatness

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Let’s not be a church that is distracted or divided.

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- **He completely paid the price for our sins, once and for all!**

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Every time we look at the cross, Christ seems to say to us, "I am here because of you. It is your sin I am bearing, your curse I am suffering, your debt I am paying, your death I am dying." Nothing in history or in the universe cuts us down to size like the cross. All of us have inflated views of ourselves, especially in self-righteousness, until we have visited a place called Calvary. It is there, at the foot of the cross, that we shrink to our true size.

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“There is only one thing I know of that crushes me to the ground and humiliates me to the dust, and that is to look at the Son of God, and especially contemplate the cross... Nothing else can do it. When I see that I am a sinner...that nothing but the Son of God on the cross can save me, I’m humbled to the dust... Nothing but the cross can give us this spirit of humility.”

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1 John 3:16 (NLT)

*We know what real love is **because Jesus gave up his life for us.** So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters.*