

Fearfully Following Jesus

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MARK 10: 32-34

Intro. **A.** Peter asked Jesus a question.

Vs. 28 **1.** "We have left all and followed thee, what shall we have there fore"? Matt. 19: 27

2. Jesus answered his inquiry. Vs. 29-30

3. There is one troubling sentence, "with persecutions".

4. No doubt this troubled the disciples.

B. With these words still strong in their minds and in their hearts, Jesus did a puzzling thing.

1. He began to go toward Jerusalem!

2. If persecution is coming why are we going toward Jerusalem? We should avoid this stronghold of power and authority.

C. Should we be too critical of these disciples?

1. Do we not seek to avoid confrontation?

2. We don't want to start a fight.

3. Let's just mind our own business.

4. This was their business!

D. Jesus was going to Jerusalem.

Vs. 32a **1.** "And they were in the way going up to Jerusalem"

2. They would be duty bound to follow Him.

3. He would lead them. "... and Jesus went before them":

4. "Where ever He leads I'll go"

5. "Anywhere with Jesus I can safely go".

6. "Some through the water some through the flood, some through fire but all through the blood..."

D. Did the Apostles believe Jesus? ②

1. At the time He spoke, they did not.
2. They kept arguing with Him.
3. Later they saw the plan of God.

III. The Great Lessons We Must Learn.

A. There are frightening things for all those who would follow Jesus.

1. Fear of the unknown.
2. Fear of the "what ifs."
3. Fear of failure.
4. Fear of success.
5. Fear of men, what they will say or do.

B. The truths we must accept.

1. We share the emotions with many others.
2. Fear is acceptable in that we can work with it.
3. Duty will work with fear.
4. Love will defy it.