

# Jesus Predicts His Death

(Mark 8:27-38; 9:30-37; 10:32-45)

Yearly Theme: *“Patience is...”*

Series Title: *“Perfect Patience”*

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## Something to think about:

Have you ever had to wait for something that you were excited about? I remember as a kid waiting for Christmas or summer vacation, and it seemed to take forever. Even though it took a long time, the anticipation of something fun was an enjoyable experience. I remember daydreaming about the thing I was excited about, what would I get for Christmas? What kind of things would we do on vacation? However, I also have vivid memories of waiting for events that I was not looking forward to. Events like tests in school or orthodontics appointments, sorry to any orthodontists. I remember trying to forget about the thing that was coming, trying to put off the inevitable, trying to distract myself from thinking about the unpleasant thing that was coming. Jesus lived with the knowledge that his purpose in life was to die a horrible death for the sins of the world. I am sure that as a man He had the desire to run from his calling, that He wished he could forget about the unpleasant future or put it out of his mind, that temptation to be bitter or angry was present as well, but Jesus used his time to patiently serve the Lord and live out his calling.

Let's take a look at our Bible passage today and see how Christ patiently lived out his calling.

**Turn in your Bibles to: *Mark 8:27-38, 9:30-37, and 10:32-45***

Here's the takeaway this morning:

***Key Point: “Jesus’ death points to the Kingdom of God.”***

The way that Jesus demonstrated patience in his death shows that patience is more than simply enduring the time as it passes. but rather In God's kingdom, it is active participation in following the will of God.

- **Patience is humble in the Kingdom of God.**  
Jesus humbled himself in becoming fully man. As God, Jesus had the power and authority to skip time. If he did not want to wait to die, he didn't have to. If he didn't want to die, he didn't have to. and yet he humbled himself in obedience before the Lord.
- **Patience is obedient in the Kingdom of God.**  
Jesus demonstrated that perfect patience is obedient in the waiting. Jesus followed the path laid out for him by God the father. He was constantly checking with the father to make sure he was moving in the way that God desired.
- **Patience is active in the Kingdom of God.**  
Jesus didn't simply endure his time on earth. He actively worked towards His end goal. During his time on earth, it would have been easy for him to simply wait out his time until his execution like a man on death row. Instead, he went out into ministry to love others.

## Something to take home:

We are called to be patient in this life. This seems nearly impossible when we look at the world around us. The world is designed to be impatient. We are told that we should be able to have what we want, when we want it, how we want it. This runs in direct conflict with the idea that we serve an all-powerful, all-loving, all-knowing God. If we as Christians truly believe that then we should try our hardest to model ourselves after Christ. We see him approach patience in a way that is active rather than passive. Christ demonstrates that the Kingdom of God operates differently than our earthly kingdoms. We are called to be humble, obedient, and active in our patience. This is easier said than done, but luckily, we have scripture and Jesus as standards for us to strive for. Life might not be easy, and the path might not always be clear, but we know that God is with us and guiding us.

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