

MARK'S OPEN SECRET:

We Have a Dream

Mark 10:32-45

- i. “Only God can do this!” ... Clemson Tigers Football Coach, Dabo Swinney.
- ii. This is the third time Jesus predicted his way of servant suffering (8:31, 9:31 and here).
- iii. Discipleship has implications in marriage, with children, our possessions and by following Jesus along the road.

EVERY PERSON AND C(c)HURCH CAN FOLLOW THE DREAM OF JESUS BY OBSERVING THESE THREE PRINCIPLES...

- I. JESUS ALWAYS LEADS THE WAY AND PEOPLE OF THE WAY FOLLOW...
 - a. The way is a road—Mt 7:14 “But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.”
 - b. The road to Jerusalem is an uphill climb.
 - c. Jesus is the trail blazer, vision originator, and C(c)hurch are early adopters.
 - d. The disciples are astonished and the followers (late adopters or never adopters) are anxious.
- II. THE CROSS IS GOOD NEWS IN ANXIOUS TIMES...
 - a. Religious leaders and politicians will crucify him. Why is this good news? Power will be set right.
 - b. Amends will be made appropriately.
 - c. Ransom in verse 44: Christus Victor (early church) Jesus defeats Satan. From St. Anselm (1100 AD) forward to this day it has meant atone for the sins of the people.
- III. LOVING SERVICE ALWAYS OUTLASTS PETTY POWER STRUGGLES...
 - a. James and John (sons of Thunder) want a free pass.
 - b. Baptism is a near drowning experience—life threatening.
 - c. The cup will cost Jesus his life temporarily—a ransomed life.
 - d. The center was the rabbi, and the two VIPs were at each arm in Jewish custom.
 - e. The 10 were indignant—jealous for the same ambition?
 - f. Jesus calls for a town hall meeting to set things in the record straight.
 - g. Called to serve unselfishly.