

A person is shown from the back, with their arms raised in a gesture of prayer or praise. They are standing on a beach, looking out at the ocean under a dramatic sunset sky. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow and long, shimmering reflections on the water. The overall mood is one of awe and spiritual connection.

**BE MINDFUL
OF
GOD'S WAYS**

Mark 8:27-33

JESUS TEACHES IN GALILEE

× **Mark 8:27-30**, Traveling w/His disciples

× 2nd Year of His Ministry, 28-30 A.D.

× Parallel passage: **Matthew 16:13-19**

+ Question, *“Whom do men say that I am?”*

+ Peter’s declaration, *“Thou art the Christ”*

+ Jesus’ charge, *“tell no man”*

× **Mark 8:31**, Shocking Message

+ *“son of man must suffer many things”*

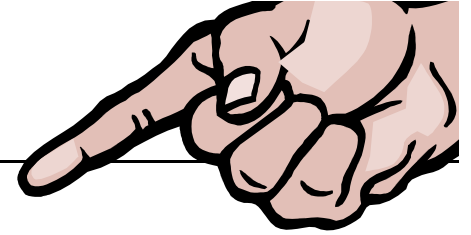
+ *“be rejected...chief priests...scribes”*

+ *“killed, and after three days rise again.”*

+ **Mark 9:1; Mark 10:31-34**



A WARNING FOR US ALL



× Peter Rebukes Jesus

+ **Mark 8:32**, “*And he spake that saying openly, And Peter began to rebuke him.*”

+ **Matthew 16:22**, “*Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.*”

× Jesus’ Response

+ **Mark 8:33**, “*Get thee behind me Satan: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men.*”

+ **Matthew 16:23**, “*thou art an offense unto me,*”

Important Lesson Revealed!

BE MINDFUL GOD'S WAYS

× God's thoughts on higher plane

+ **Isaiah, 55:8**, *“my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways, my ways, saith the LORD.”*

+ **Isaiah 55:9**, *“For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.”*

+ **Psalm 8:1**, *“O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens”*



GOD'S WAYS, NOT MAN'S WAYS

- × His view of greatness, **Mark 10:43-45**
 - + *“whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all. For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.”*
- × His view of material things, **Luke 16:13**
 - + *“No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.”*
- × His view of redemption, **Mark 8:31**
 - + Son of Man, *“suffer...rejected...killed”*



MAN CANNOT TRUST...

× His own feelings

+ **Proverbs 14:12**, “*There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.*”

+ **Proverbs 28:25**, “*He who trust in his own heart is a fool.*”

× His own conscience

+ **Jeremiah 10:23**, “*O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.*”

+ **Acts 23:1**, “*I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day.*”



MAN CANNOT TRUST...

× His own wisdom

+ **1 Corinthians 1:27**, “the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.”

+ **1 Corinthians 2:9-10**, “as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.”



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× In Salvation

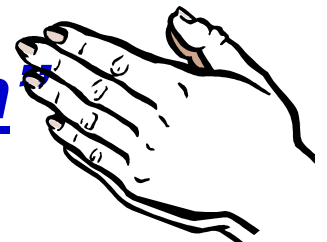
+ **Mark 16:15-16**, *“Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.”*



× In Worship

+ **Mark 7:6-7**, *“This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men”*

+ **John 4:24**, *“worship in spirit and in truth”*



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× In Life

+ **Matthew 6:33-34**, “seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.”

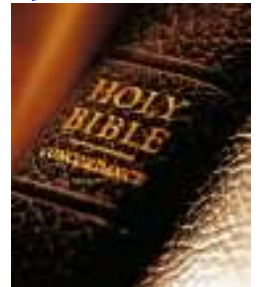
+ **2 Timothy 3:16-17**, “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”



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× In Life (cont.)

- + **2 Peter 1:3**, *“divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue”*
- + **1 Timothy 6:17-19**, *“Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.”*



CONCLUSION OF THE MATTER

× Be Mindful of the Things of God

- + Submit to His will according to His Word
- + Reject feelings, conscience, & wisdom as a guide

× Be Mindful of the Things of Men,

- + Become instruments of Satan, **Mark 8:33**
- + Become an offense to Jesus, **Matthew 16:23**

Colossians 3:1, *“seek those things that are above”*

Romans 12:2, *“be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God”*