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Reading: Mark ch 10 v 1, 17-22, 32-34 and 46-52

“Thou art my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased”

God saw a holy and obedient Son and that pleased Him. Today the person of the Lord is being undermined. People think that He was just a man but He was God manifest in flesh.

As the Lord journeyed towards Jerusalem to face the cross He came again to Judea by Jordan. He performed many miracles. He turned water into wine, raised Jairus' daughter and fed five thousand. He desired to do the things that pleased the Father.

He came willingly to die willingly; He came to die on the cross at Calvary. He came to do and to finish the work at Calvary. He said, “My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me” (John 4:34)

What men did to a fellow man is beyond description. Men cried out “crucify Him”; they wanted nothing of Him. The Lord knew everything that was going to take place.

Calvary was a horrible place of suffering. There was nothing glamorous about Calvary. He suffered at the hands of men and God; “his back was like a ploughed field” (Psa 129:3). He was nailed through His hands and feet to the cross. God poured out punishment on His own Son on behalf of you and me. There is nothing left for us to do. He gave His life that we may be forgiven. He stood in our place as a substitute that we might go free. There is nothing that we need to do as He has done it all. On the third day He rose again.

Christianity has Someone at its centre who is alive and in heaven. The Head of our faith who fulfilled the righteous demands of God. God was well pleased. God placed His approval on the sacrifice. The sacrifice was wonderful

Have you trusted Christ as your Saviour?

The rich young ruler wanted to get to God by doing good deeds. The Lord told Him he was putting his trust in himself and his religion. He was trying to get himself to heaven. All the man needed to do was follow Christ he needed to take a step of faith. He came so close yet turned away. All you need to do is follow Him and trust in Him. Going to Church will not get you to heaven, what you need to do is trust in the Lord.

The blind man cried out twice “Son of David have mercy on me”

He recognised the Lord was the Messiah, the Son of God. In the hustle of the crowd the Lord stood still. The Lord had an ear and stood still. The man did not allow the crowds to stop him. The man truly believed the Lord could give him his sight. “Go thy way thy faith have made thee whole”. He followed Jesus - He placed his trust in the Lord. He received more than his sight that day because of his faith he received the blessing of the Lord.

Are you turning away or trusting and following?

The Lord wants us to come in simple faith and put our trust in Him. Just believe in Him. He went to the cross because He loves us and we have the opportunity to trust Him. This offer is open to all of us there are none too bad. Once saved you can never be lost. Have you had that experience?

If you speak to Christ, admit you are a sinner and ask Him into your heart, you will be saved.

“Boast not thyself of tomorrow” (Proverbs 27:1)- We do not know what tomorrow will bring. “Behold now is the accepted time now is the day of Salvation” (2 Cor 6:2). We only have now

As believers we have the hope of seeing God. The Lord is coming back.