

JESUS' BAPTISM OF DEATH

We are currently studying a series of lessons entitled, The Baptisms of Jesus covering four baptisms associated with the First and Second Advents of Jesus Christ:

- Baptism of Water by John the Baptist
- Baptism of Death
- Baptism of The Holy Spirit
- Baptism of Fire

This lesson comes from four Bible studies Jesus taught to His disciples in Book of Mark on the subject of His (Jesus') Spiritual Death. The third bible study was taught on the way to Jerusalem, in preparation for the Passover, and His Crucifixion. (Mark 8:27-33; 9:30-32; **10:32-40**; 14:14-23).

We will study five aspects of Jesus' Baptism of Death.

1. We will begin by examining our lesson text by three homiletic points (Mk.10:32-40).

(Mk.10:32-34) – Sermon – Crucifixion Passover – Jesus' suffering foretold
(Mk.10:35-38 – Son of thunder – Childish request – Crown before Cross
(Mk.10:39-40 – Split answer – Christ's response –No and Yes

Jesus' baptism of death is recorded in (Mk.10:38-39) and (Lk.12:50). Jesus' Cup is also used for His spiritual death (1 Cor.11:25).

2. Jesus Christ taught His disciples about His Passion Passover.

Note: But they didn't cycle it into faith until after it was fulfilled by His Resurrection.

It went in one ear and out the other!

(2 Tim.3:16-17) "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work".

(John 12:16) "These things His disciples did not understand at the first; but **when** Jesus was glorified, **then they remembered** that these things were written of Him, and they had done these things to Him."
(Luke 24:6-9)

3. Their failure to inhale and exhale Categorical Bible Doctrine (CBD) will result in having nothing in their souls to apply in the coming "crisis of life" and result in unthinkable desertion (2 Tim.3:16-17).

His disciples had moral courage, like Peter drawing his sword at Gethsemane (Mk.14:46-50), but they did not have the doctrine resident in their souls (Rom.10:17; 2 Cor.5:7) to fight the good fight of faith. (1 Tim.6:12).

They were willing to fight and die for what they believed; but what they believed was wrong! (1 John 5:4).

4. **Jesus' Baptism of Death is not about self-interest, but about sin-interest, OURS!**

Jesus' interest is the sin issue!

(Mk.10:32-34) "They were on their way up to Jerusalem, with Jesus leading the way, and the disciples were astonished, while those who followed were afraid. Again, he took the Twelve aside and told them what was going to happen to him. "We are going up to Jerusalem," he said, "and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles,³⁴ who will mock him and spit on him, flog him and kill him. Three days later he will rise."

His interest is doing the Will of God and not His own! (Matt.26:39, 42)

The disciples had the negative volition (thoughtful choice) of complacency towards the Word of God based on false assumptions of Old Man Cosmos Diabolicus thinking, even when their teacher was Jesus Christ (Eph.4:22-24; Rom12:2).

PRINCIPLE: The issue is not who is my teacher, but rather what is the TRUTH being taught (John 8:31-32, 44-47).

5. **Jesus' Baptism of Death was His suffering on the cross for the sin-death of the entire human race.**

(John 1:29) "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (1 Pet.1:19)

(1 Pet.2:24) "And He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed."

(1 John 2:2) "And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also those of the whole world."

(1 Cor.15:3-4) "For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures."

6. **Every Church Age Believer (CAB) is identified with Jesus' Baptism of Death the moment he believes the gospel of grace salvation (Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9).**

We refer to this in theology as Retroactive Positional Truth (RAPT) (1 Cor.15:22; Col.1:13; John 5:24).

- **Retroactive** refers to having a present effect on what took place in the past.
- **Positional Truth** refers to every Church Age Believer (CAB) being placed into Union with Christ, currently seated at the right hand of God, the Father in heaven.

DOCTRINAL TRUTH: Retroactive Positional Truth (RAPT) identifies every Church Age Believer (CAB) with Christ on the cross, suffering and dying for our sins, as well as identifying us with Christ's burial and resurrection (Rom.6:3-5, 11; 2 Cor.5:17, 21; Col.3:3-4).

(1 John 5:4) "For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that overcomes the world – our faith."