

Peter Remembers 18

The Markan Juncture — Chapter 8

First Healing of Blindness — Mark 8.22-26

Introduction to the ὁδός — **Mark 8** ²⁷ Now Jesus and His disciples went out to the towns of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way (ἐν τῇ ὁδῷ) he asked his disciples, saying to them, “Who do men say that I am?”

Peter’s Confession — **Mark 8** ²⁸ So they answered, “John the Baptist; but some say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered and said to him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰ Then he strictly cautioned them that they should tell no one about him.

Three Stages of the ὁδός

Mark 8 ³¹ And he began to teach them (ἤρξατο διδάσκειν) that the Son of Man must (δεῖ) suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² He spoke this word boldly (παρρησίᾳ τὸν λόγον ἐλάλει).

Mark 9 ³⁰ Then they departed from there and passed through Galilee, and he did not want anyone to know it. ³¹ For he taught (ἐδίδασκεν) his disciples and said to them, “The Son of Man is being handed (παραδίδοται) into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And after he is killed, he will rise the third day.” ³² But they did not understand this saying and were afraid to ask him. ³³ Then he came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, “What was it you disputed among yourselves on the way (ἐν τῇ ὁδῷ)?” ³⁴ But they kept silent, for on the way (ἐν τῇ ὁδῷ) they had disputed among themselves who was the greatest.

Mark 10 ¹⁷ Now as he was going out on the way (ἐν τῇ ὁδῷ), one came running, knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?”

Mark 10 ³² Now they were on the way (ἐν τῇ ὁδῷ), going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going before them; and they were in shock (ἐθαμβοῦντο). And as they followed they were afraid. Then he took the twelve aside again and began to tell them the things that would happen to him: ³³ “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over (παραδοθήσεται) to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn him to death, and they will hand him over (παραδώσουσιν) to the gentiles (τοῖς ἔθνεσιν) ³⁴ and they will mock him, and scourge him, and spit on him, and kill him. And the third day he will rise again.”

Second Healing of Blindness — Mark 10 ⁴⁶ Now they came to Jericho. As He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the road begging. . . . ⁵² And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the way(έν τῇ ὁδῶ).

Peter Warned —

Mark 8 ³¹ And he began to teach them (ἦρξατο διδάσκειν) that the Son of Man must (δεῖ) suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² He spoke this word boldly (παρρησίᾳ τὸν λόγον ἐλάλει). Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him (ἦρξατο ἐπιτιμᾶν αὐτῶ). ³³ But when he had turned around and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter (ἐπετίμησεν Πέτρῳ), saying, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not mindful (οὐ φρονεῖς) of the things of God, but the things of men.”

Mark 14 ²⁷ Then Jesus said to them, “All of you will be made to stumble (σκανδαλισθήσεσθε) because of me this night, for it is written: ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’” ²⁸ “But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee.” ²⁹ Peter said to him, “Even if all are made to stumble (σκανδαλισθήσονται), yet not I (ἀλλ’ οὐκ ἐγώ).” ³⁰ Jesus said to him, “Amen, I say to you that today, this night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.” ³¹ But he spoke more vehemently, “If I have to die with you, I will not deny you!”