

CONCLUSION: *The Answers to Two Important Questions*

The Myth of Comfort

Ephesians 4:22-24, “put off your **old self**, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires,²³ and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds,²⁴ and to put on the **new self**, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.”

The Myth of Safety

The Myth of Control

John 4:34, “Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work.”

1 Peter 1:18-19, “... you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold,¹⁹ but with **the precious blood of Christ**, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.”

1 Peter 3:18, “For Christ also suffered once for sins, **the righteous for the unrighteous**, that He might bring us to God ...”



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Mark 8:31-9:1

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“Denial and the Soul”

“The King and His Cross”

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Mark 8:31-9:1

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also be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.”¹ And He said to them, “Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God after it has come with power.”

INTRODUCTION: “*The Turning Point*”

What does it mean that He is the Christ?

What does it mean to follow this Christ?

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Daniel 7:13–14, “I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a **Son of man**, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him.¹⁴ And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.”

¹ The Introduction and Exposition of the text is adapted from the sermons, “The King on a Cross” by Dr. Tim Keller, Redeemer Presbyterian Church, New York, NY, 6/25/06, *The Tim Keller Sermon Archive*, Logos Bible Software 8.11; “The Golden Stitches of Sovereignty: What Holds Our Gospel Together” by Dr. John Piper, Pastor Emeritus, Bethlehem Baptist Church, Minneapolis, MN, preached at The Gospel Coalition 2019 National Conference in Indianapolis, IN, 4/1/19, www.desiringGod.org; “Cross Purposes” by Dr. Derek Thomas, Senior Minister, First Presbyterian Church (ARP), Columbia, SC, preached at First Presbyterian Church (PCA), Jackson, MS, 1/16/05, www.fpcjackson.org; and “The Ultimate Challenge” by Rev. Matt Woodley, Editor, PreachingToday.com and Pastor of Compassion Ministries, Church of the Resurrection, Wheaton, IL, nd, www.preachingtoday.com. And the books, *A Ransom for Many: The Gospel of Mark Simply Explained*, by Dr. Steven Wilmschurst, pages 178–186; *Jesus the King: Understanding the Life and Death of the Son of God* (previously published as *The King’s Cross: The Story of the World in the Life of Jesus*), by Dr. Tim Keller, pages 103–118; and *The Pillar New Testament Commentary: The Gospel according to Mark* by Dr. James Edwards, pages 252–261.

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