

“(Mis)UNDERSTANDING THE ATONEMENT”

Mark 9:30-32

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I. How do the disciples respond to more private instruction?

(vv. 30-32)

“He did not want anyone to know”

“But they did not understand”

“afraid to ask him”

Pride

Fear

Pride & fear keep people _____ of gospel _____.

2 Timothy 2:7

“The sad fact is that none of us are immune to the logic-defying, blinding effects of pride.”
-C.J. Mahaney

II. How should we understand the atonement? (vv. 31)

“delivered into the hands of men, ... kill him ... will rise”

Sin

Substitution Day of Atonement

Blood-bought forgiveness

Jesus is our blood-shedding _____ for sin.

Leviticus 16:1-10

Jeremiah 26:24

Ephesians 2:1-10

Hebrews 9:22; 10:3-4

"The heart of the gospel is the cross, and the cross is all about giving up power, pouring out resources, and serving." -Tim Keller

"The driving force in Jesus' life was his resolve to be 'obedient to death- even death on a cross', and the unique dreadfulness of his death lies in the fact that he tasted on Calvary the wrath of God which was our due, so making propitiation for our sins." -J.I. Packer

III. So What? Or, what does this mean about Jesus?

"who loved me and gave himself for me." Galatians 2

Jesus is a _____ of mercy & grace toward _____.

Genesis 3
Exodus 33:19; 34:6-7
Isaiah 57:18-19
Galatians 2:20

"Out of his heart flows mercy; out of ours reluctance to receive it. ... He is open-armed. We stiff-arm." -Dane Ortland

"... your very sins move him to pity more than to anger ... Christ takes part with you, and is far from being provoked against you, as all his anger is turned upon your sin to ruin it;..." -Thomas Goodwin

"The mercy of Go reaches down and rinses clean not only obviously bad people but fraudulently good people, both of whom equally stand in need of resurrection." -Dane Ortland

BIG IDEA: Jesus is the willing Substitute for prideful, fearful sinners.

1 Corinthians 2:2

"A Christian is not one who has no sin, but one whom God imputes not his sin, through faith in Christ. That is why we so often repeat and beat into your minds, the forgiveness of sins and imputation of righteousness for Christ's sake." -Martin Luther