

For the week of February 26, 2023

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# Journey to Death

**First week in the series: Suffering Servant, Conquering King  
Mark 8-10**

During the season of Lent, we will be reflecting on passages from the book of Mark that highlight the dual themes of Jesus as suffering servant and conquering king. For the first week, we look at three different predictions Jesus makes about his death and resurrection. As we encounter the intensifying predictions, we will be challenged by Jesus' resolve to journey toward death. But we will also see how the disciples seemed to completely miss the foreshadowing of his resurrection. How are we called to follow Jesus toward death? How do we miss the promise of the resurrection?

## **Discussion Questions:**

1. Think about times you've been rejected. Can you relate to what Jesus might have felt?
2. Why does betrayal hurt so much more than rejection?
3. Imagine Jesus being humiliated at his crucifixion. How would you have felt if you had been observing him?
4. Why do you think none of the disciples expected the resurrection after hearing Jesus predict it three times?
5. Are there ways in your life that you fail to see past the challenge into the life beyond?