



“The Meaning of Jesus’ Death”

Mark 10:32-45 ♦ Pastor Jim Lennon
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Introduction – *In this passage Jesus clearly explains the meaning of His death. How should it impact our lives?*

I. Why Jesus Came.

- A. The disciples didn’t grasp the meaning of Jesus’ death.
- B. Mark 10:45 is a key verse in the Bible.
- C. People usually respond to Jesus’ death in one of three ways.
 - 1. It’s offensive and nonsensical.
 - 2. They believe it, but it has little impact on their lives.
 - 3. They believe it and it is life-transforming.

II. The Meaning of Jesus’ Death.

- A. Jesus explains the meaning of His death in two key words in Mark 10:45b.
 - 1. The Greek word “Anti.”
 - 2. The Greek word “Lutron.”

B. The two metaphors also help explain the meaning of Jesus’ death.

- 1. “Cup.”
- 2. “Baptism.”

C. *“All life-giving love is substitutionary sacrifice.”* – Tim Keller

D. Example: Parenting.

E. Example: Forgiveness

F. *“All forgiveness is a form of suffering.”* – Dietrich Bonhoeffer

III. The Impact of Jesus’ Death.

- A. Believe in Jesus.
- B. Forgive those who hurt us.
- C. Choose the cross to be the guiding principle of your life.

Conclusion