

The Gospel of Mark  
Gospel Basics  
Mark 9:30-32

Life is filled with uncertainty and doubt. We are one choice or one surprise event away from everything changing. The worldview of our culture is constantly shifting and we find that our ideas and even some of our deepest held beliefs shift as well. Even things that we think we know become susceptible to doubt.

1. Jesus is being/was betrayed.
2. Jesus will be/was killed.
3. Jesus will rise/has risen.

Our effectiveness in advancing the kingdom will be determined by how much we depend on our message. When Jesus' story becomes real in our lives, it is perhaps the only thing that is unshakeable. When it comes to the gospel we can be certain that the message entrusted to us is true. We not only bet our lives on it, we stake our eternal destiny on it.

For further consideration:

What are some things that have the potential to make us doubt what we say we believe? What are some ways that you are able to overcome doubt and fear when it begins to affect your relationship with Christ? Name some of the different groups that were involved in the betrayal and murder of Jesus. How does our sin contribute to the necessity of Jesus' crucifixion? When skeptics claim that the disciples made up the idea of Jesus rising from the dead, how does this text argue against that claim? What can you do this week that will help you set your mind on things above? How will you find the strength to look past your suffering and live for the glory of Jesus in the midst of it?