

March 1, 2015
“Why He Did It!”
(Mark 8: 31-38)

In today’s lesson from Mark’s Gospel, Jesus breaks it to his disciples that he will soon _____ and be put to _____.

Peter took Jesus aside and began to _____ him.

The Master rebuked Peter in return. He even called him _____.

Each year during _____ we are confronted with the question,
Why did Jesus have to die?

One of the most obvious answers is that it was necessary to fulfill
_____. (Isaiah 53:5-6)

The idea that Christ was a sacrificial _____ slain in our place is very disturbing to us.

Jesus didn’t say it with any uncertainty – not that he *will* die, but that he _____ die! It was part of his _____.

The most compelling explanation is that he knew many of his followers would give their lives as _____.
He could not ask his followers to do anything he was unwilling to do himself.

Jesus leaves no ambiguity. Being a Christian is _____ business.

Are there _____ on your arms, at least spiritually?

Do you understand that the call to follow Jesus is a call to a _____ lifestyle?

Lent offers us a unique opportunity each year to ask what kind of _____ we would be willing to offer in our _____ to Christ?

Every area of life ought to reflect our _____!

Someone said: *“A veteran is someone who, at one point in their life, wrote a blank check made payable to The United States of America for an amount up to and including their life.”*

What if the world knew that followers of Jesus had that same level of _____?

The words of **Mark 8:34-48** are life-changing words to anyone who is serious about their _____ to Christ.

During the Lenten season we are reminded of how far Christ did go on our _____!

This was Christ’s mission: to _____ and die among men and women – to _____ as we suffer - and to _____ as we celebrate.

Being a Christian is serious business following a _____ Savior, but it is the _____ business in the world!