

**The Second Prediction of Death:
Intensive Training in the Death of Christ
Mark 09: 30–32**

(Mt. 17:22-23; Lk. 9:43-45)

1. The preparation:
Jesus got alone with His disciples

30 They left that place
and passed through Galilee.
Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were,

2. The lesson:
*Jesus taught His disciples
that He was to die and arise*

31 Because he was teaching his disciples.
He said to them,
“The Son of Man is going to be betrayed
into the hands of men.
They will kill him,
and after three days he will rise.”

3. The response:
*The disciples rejected
what they did not wish to see*

32 But they did not understand what he meant
and were afraid to ask him about it.

**Disciples’ Terrible Ignorance of Messiahship:
A Problem of Ambition**

Mark 09: 33–37

(Mt. 18:1-4; Lk. 9:46-48)

1. Ambition can cause disputes, arguments
a. The disciples argued
b. Jesus questioned
what they were arguing about

33 They came to Capernaum.
When he was in the house,
he asked them,
“What were you arguing about on the road?”

2. Ambition can shame

34 But they kept quiet
because on the way they had argued
about who was the greatest.

3. Ambition needs instruction

35 Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said,
“If anyone wants to be first,
he must be the very last,
and the servant of all.”

**4. Ambition is a virtue,
but it must be directed
toward the right goal: To serve**

36 He took a little child
and had him stand among them.
Taking him in his arms, he said to them,

**5. Ambition for service proves
a person’s discipleship**
a. The illustration: Welcoming a child
b. The lesson: Proves one’s discipleship
1) Proves one has received Christ
2) Proves one has received God

37 “Whoever welcomes
one of these little children in my name welcomes me;
and whoever welcomes me
does not welcome me but the one who sent me.”