

- *Hey*
 - *Children's Sermon - King of the Mountain is a dumb game.*
- *You*
- *Look*
 - *This is the close of a narrative arc that began back in chapter 8.*
 - *In the first half of Mark, we see what Jesus can do, and these things are closely tied to Isaiah, where the blind will see, the deaf will hear, he walks on water, he raises the dead, and he commands the demons.*
 - *But now, now that we have established that this is indeed the Messiah, we have some work to do with understanding what the destiny of the Messiah will be.*
 - *That is the current arc that we are on.*
 - *3 times, Jesus predicts his destiny.*
 - *1st time up in Caesarea Philippi*
 - *He asks who do people say that I am, and who do you say that I am.*
 - *Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly.*
 - *Peter rebukes him and is himself rebuked by Jesus.*
 - *If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.*
 - *2nd time going through Galilee*
 - *He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again."*
 - *The disciples were arguing about who among them was the greatest.*
 - *Jesus brings a child among them as an example. "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all."*
 - *3rd time on the road, going up to Jerusalem*
 - *He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the Gentiles; they will mock him, and spit upon him, and flog him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise again."*
 - *We've covered a lot of this in previous weeks leading up to today, but we skipped something interesting at the beginning of this arc.*
 - *Blind man at Bethsaida (Mark 8:22-26)*
 - *It took two touches for Jesus to heal him.*
 - *And now at the end, here is another healing miracle where Jesus heals a blind man.*
 - *Who is the blind in this story? And Jesus is trying his hardest to get them to see. He even says it directly in 10:33. Some translations say "behold!" NRSV says "See."*
 - *Do*
 - *The crafting of this narrative, this gospel, is brilliant.*
 - *As we journey through this story with the disciples, we might shake our heads at these poor blind people.*
 - *The question before them is so simple! Who do people say Jesus is? Who do you say Jesus is?*
 - *The choice of placement of the stories and the escalation on the way to Jerusalem.*

- *We find that we, the audience, are the ones having to make a choice about Jesus. The Gospels are all persuasive documents, written with an agenda to persuade you. The case is being laid out. Jesus' own words and actions are the evidential exhibits.*
- *Following Jesus is not a path to ruling the world in your way. Here in chapter 10, Jesus gets very specific. He references the rulers of the world. And says, "THAT'S NOT YOU." You are different from them. You are called to serve.*
- *The disciples were hungry for their turn on top!*
 - *Jesus was more interested in coming down to the people on the ground.*