Are You Ashamed of Jesus And His Word?
Mark 8:27-38 - Vs. 38

Intro. [A] Jesus traveled into the towns of Caesarea Philipi.
1. As he traveled with his disciples, he
   vs. 27... asked them a question.
   2. "Whom do men say that I am?"

[B] The answers of the disciples.
   vs. 28
   1. Some say John the Baptist.
   2. Some say Elijah. Malachi 4:5-6
   3. Others say, one of the prophets.

[C] Jesus quizzed His followers, His disciples.
   vs. 29
   1. "But whom say ye that I am?"
   2. Peter answered for them all.
   3. "They say the Christ."
   vs. 30
   4. He commanded them not to tell what
      they knew Him to be.
   5. Don't stumble at this. Remember, His
      command was not to talk.


[A] The bad news to His disciples.
   vs. 31a
   1. "And he began to teach them..."
   2. "...that the Son of man must suffer many things."
   3. "...and be rejected of the elders and of the
      chief priests, and scribes, to disapprove after
      a trial..." = ἀποκτενω — kill.
      To put an end to life.

[B] The good news they did not comprehend.
   1. "...and after three days rise again..."
   2. 1 Cor. 15:1-4
C. The ruling principle of being His disciple.

Vs. 35. "For whosoever will save his life shall lose it."

"Save" = σωζω = to preserve, safe from danger, loss.
"Life" = ζωή = breath of animal life, breath, or destruction.
"Lose" = ἀπολέσω = to destroy utterly, to lose totally.

The fundamental thought is, ruin, loss, what is lost to another, as a sheep lost to the fold, and the shepherd. "Whoever cares for his own safety is lost." - N.B.B. the case.

...but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake, and the gospel's the same shall save it.

"Lose" = (same as above)
"Life" = (same as above)
"For my sake" = ἐπειδὴ = because of, by reason of, account of.
"Gospel's" = εὐαγγελίων = from Homo to Plutarch, the reward of a good message. Later, Greek writers use it in the sense of good messages. It is used with "Kingdom, God, Christ, peace, salvation, grace." The death, burial, and resurrection is a good message, it is welcome truth.

"Save" = (same as above)

III. Two Questions We Must Answer.

A. Where is the profit?

Vs. 36. "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"

"Profit" = οὖσοι = to further, help, benefit; to be of service to any one.
"Gain" = καταλαμβάνω = to derive advantage from.
"Lose" = ζημίζω = to suffer loss, to lose, to inflict a penalty, to suffer loss, to be a loser.
"Soul" = ψυχή = breath, hence one's life.