



Almighty God,  
Whose most dear Son went not up to  
joy but first he suffered pain,  
And entered not into glory before he  
was crucified:  
Mercifully grant that we, walking in  
the way of the cross,  
May find it none other than the way  
of life and peace;  
Through Jesus Christ your Son our  
Lord,  
Who is alive and reigns with you,  
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
One God, now and for ever.  
Amen

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*You led me to the cross  
And I saw the face of mercy in  
that place of love  
You opened up my eyes  
To believe Your sweet salvation  
Where I'd been so blind  
Now that I'm living in Your all  
forgiving love  
My every road leads to the cross*

*And there's an empty tomb  
That tells me of Your resurrection  
and my life in You.*

*(Matt Redman)*

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**WATCHING  
FROM A  
DISTANCE**

**Anticipating  
the cross in  
Mark's gospel**



## NOTES

### Mark 8 v 31

Then Jesus began to tell them that the Son of Man must suffer many terrible things and be rejected by the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He would be killed, but three days later he would rise from the dead.

### Mark 9 v 31

He said to them, “The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of his enemies. He will be killed, but three days later he will rise from the dead.”

### Mark 10 v 32-34

They were now on the way up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. The disciples were filled with awe, and the people following behind were overwhelmed with fear. Taking the twelve disciples aside, Jesus once more began to describe everything that was about to happen to him. <sup>33</sup> “Listen,” he said, “we’re going up to Jerusalem, where the Son of Man will be betrayed to the leading priests and the teachers of religious law. They will sentence him to die and hand him over to the Romans. <sup>34</sup> They will mock him, spit on him, flog him with a whip, and kill him, but after three days he will rise again.”

## Watching from a distance

## Anticipating and acknowledging the cross

Prediction 1 – The Son of Man must suffer – Mark 8 v 27

Prediction 2 – Delivered over to human hands – Mark 9 v 30

Prediction 3 – Jesus leading the way – Mark 10 v 32

