

MARK 9:30-37:

This reading seems to be about getting things into perspective.

The disciples were being told about the fact that Jesus would face death at the hands of people who didn't understand his message.

As the disciples didn't understand what Jesus was saying, and why he was saying it, it isn't surprising that other people also got his message completely wrong.

Those other people saw Jesus as a threat, rather than as a source of love and goodness.

It can be quite difficult to work out how the disciples saw Jesus at this time. They were confused, and quite unable to understand his message to them.

Instead of taking Jesus' words seriously, it seems as though the disciples ignored them, or just couldn't get their heads around such difficult words.

What Jesus probably needed at that time was the question, "How can we support you through this?"

The disciples instead began to bicker. Perhaps they were trying to distract themselves from such awful news and ideas. Perhaps they were just being very human!

Arguing about who is the greatest seems pretty pointless when you are in the company of Jesus..... but that is what they chose to discuss.

It seems that they felt pretty silly, and embarrassed, when Jesus asked them what they had been discussing.

Instead of shaming his disciples, or embarrassing them further, Jesus turned it into a teaching opportunity.

He told them that however unimportant anyone is, if we accept them, we are accepting Jesus. How important we are doesn't matter in Jesus' eyes.

What matters is whether we accept others..... whether we are kind and caring.

Blessings from Meg

In filling out an application, where it says, "In case of an emergency, notify..."
I answered "a doctor." ~ anon

Mark 9:32-37 (NIV)

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

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

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

³⁵ Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all."

³⁶ He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them,

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."

Psalm 1 (NIV)

¹ Blessed is the one

who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers,

² but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night.

³ That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,

which yields its fruit in a season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers.

⁴ Not so the wicked!

They are like chaff that the wind blows away.

⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,

nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

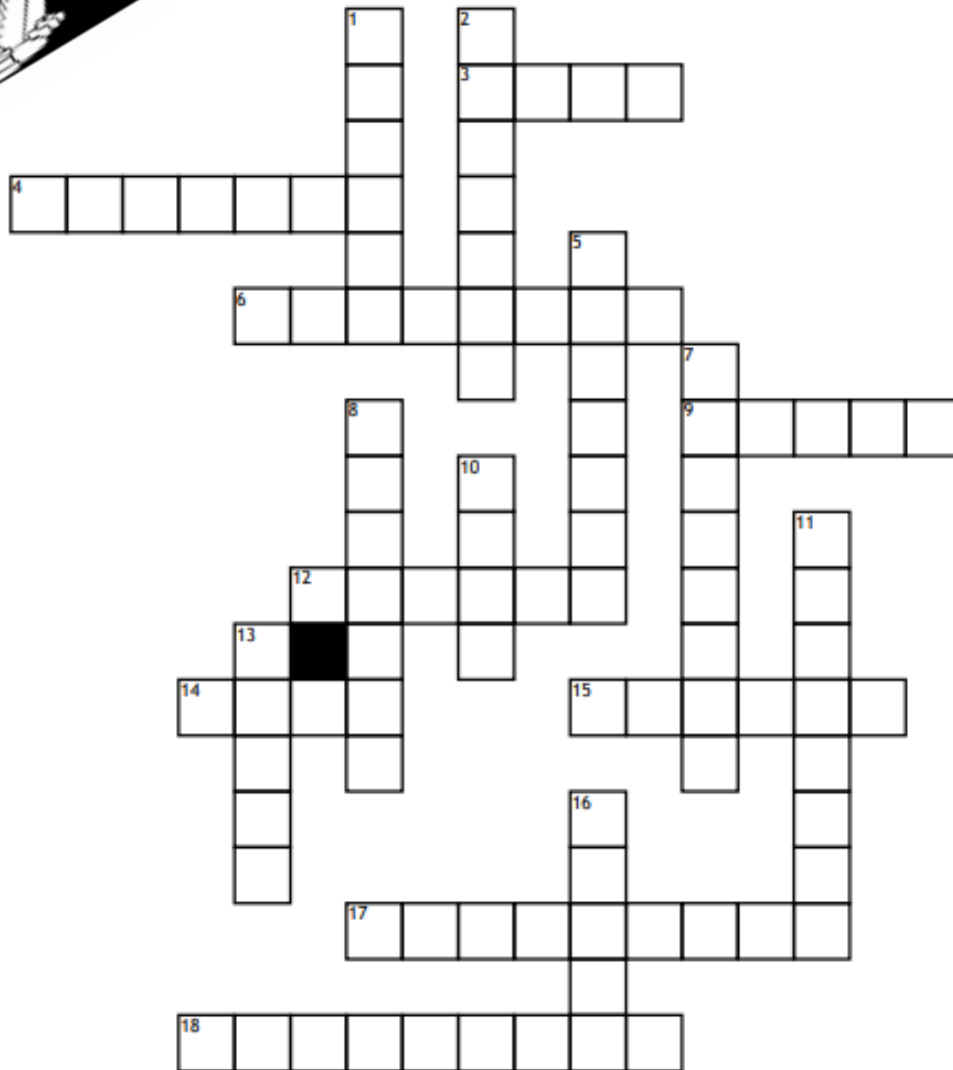
⁶ For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,

but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

**I made a huge
to do list today.
I just can't figure
out who's going
to do it.**



Psalm 1



Across

- 3. foliage v.3
- 4. advice, opinion v.1
- 6. gathering v.5
- 9. shells of wheat v.4
- 12. ungodly v.1
- 14. way v.1
- 15. be destroyed v.6
- 17. just v.5
- 18. thinks upon v.2

Down

- 1. produces v. 3
- 2. canals v.3
- 5. to have favour from God v.1
- 7. haters, unbelievers v.1
- 8. pleasure v.2
- 10. in comparison v.3
- 11. increases v.3

- 13. life sustaining substance v.3
- 16. dry up v.3