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3 failures. These failures occurred because they did not listen to God's beloved Son, Mk 9:7.

## I. THE FAILURE TO ACCEPT THE GRUELING PREDICTION 30-32

Parallel in Mt 17:22-23; Lk 9:43b-45.

Our Lord continue teaching his disciples on the central and controlling content of his Messianic mission because of their dreadful inability to grasp its significance in history and its implication in their lives, Mk 8:34-38.

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## II.THE FAILURE TO ASCERTAIN THE GREATNESS PARADOX33-37

Parallel in Mt 18:1-5; Lk 9:46-48.

As Jesus makes his way to the cross where he will demonstrate his suffering servanthood in the ultimate degree, his disciples are selfishly arguing among themselves for prominence in his kingdom! Their hearts are hardened, Mk 6:52. Jesus is redefining greatness in the light of 9:30-32, and by overturning its understanding according to the world.

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## III.THE FAILURE TO ACCEPT THE GENUINE PARTICIPANTS38-41

Parallel in Lk 9:49, 50.

The major question is how do we understand membership in the Christian community. Here is the distressing outworking of Mk 9:34. Apart from and even in opposition to the paradigm of Christ and his

cross, we are most likely, like these disciples, to inflate our self-importance, insist on our prerogatives, and indulge in presumptuous attitudes and actions, even in the Name of Jesus Christ!

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