

# **Holidays are Tough for Preachers**

**Especially when it comes to the  
“teaching timeline”**

**Jesus has been talking  
about some things that  
are...  
“unexpected”**

# Peter

**“Didn’t I tell you that you are  
the Messiah when we were in  
Caesarea Philippi?”**

**Why?**

**Don't tell anyone!**

**Your perspective is too small  
in terms of what is possible.**

**They needed to understand  
what it means  
to call Jesus the Messiah**

**Death**

**The Church says  
“NO” to Jesus  
too often.**



# **How is this Teaching Relevant?**

**We need to understand “crosses”**

**How are you (we) hindering others from seeing Jesus as the Messiah?**

**This is not for the individual  
It's for the sake of the community.**

**I wear a cross  
because of what Jesus did for me**

**OR**

**I wear a cross  
Setting aside MY agenda for Jesus' agenda**

**For ALL People**

**How has St John's been called to align itself, for the sake of the gospel, in our community?**

**Imagined cost of speaking up is  
almost always higher than the  
actual cost**

**The Cost to our  
Imagination is High...**

**When we keep our insights  
to ourselves**

**Speaking up is a skill**

**We can only improve it  
with practice**