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Mark 10:32-45

Mark 10:37

Matthew 20:20

Matthew 20:23

Mark 10:32-34

Luke 18:31-34

Mark 10:41

Mark 10:38

Luke 12:50

Mark 14:36

John 15:20-21

1 Peter 4:13

Philippians 3:10

Mark 10:42

Mark 2:15-17

Mark 2:1-12 (note v. 5)

Mark 8:1-3, 6-8

John 13:1-5

Mark 10:45

Mark 10:33-34

Seeking True Greatness

James and John were evidently eager to achieve greatness. What glorious future did James and John envision themselves sharing with Jesus?

Who else was part of their grand request?

What was her purpose in doing this?

One day there will be those who sit at His side, but Jesus says that it is not for Him to grant these positions. Who will?

Jesus had just spoken of the gruesome events that He would experience when He reached Jerusalem. Why would James and John bring up their question at a time like this?

James and John were not the only ones who had a problem with understanding true greatness. Notice that the other disciples were 'indignant'. What does this show about their hearts?

Jesus says that He is going to undergo a baptism, and drink a cup. What is this baptism and cup that Jesus referred to? Notice that Jesus says James and John will experience it too.

An Example of True Greatness

How is greatness defined according to the world's standards? How do these powerful 'Gentiles' operate?

Look at Jesus Christ. As God's Son, He has unimaginable power and authority. Yet, how did He show greatness?

Jesus said that "whoever wants to be first must be slave of all". Who has served **everyone** and to what extent? What was the purpose? Were those served worthy of it?

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Mark 10:43-44

Mark 10:45
1 John 4:19

John 13:14-17
John 17:20-23

Matthew 20:20-21

True Greatness in Action

How did Jesus define true greatness for His followers?

What is the greatest reason to serve others?

As we serve others because Christ served us first, what will be the benefit to others? To ourselves? To the Kingdom of God?

Are you content to let others take places of prestige, authority, and power while you go unnoticed? DO you ever get indignant because someone else is seeking and perhaps even receiving these 'rewards' at your expense? If so, what does this show about your heart?

Take a few moments in silent prayer. Confess to your Lord any sins of pride and jealousy. He desires to forgive, cleanse, and plant a servant's heart within us.

Note the name of someone who regularly serves you. In response to Christ's loving sacrifice to you, how will you serve him/her this week?

Because Christ has served me in love I want to serve _____ this week.

I will _____

P.S. for Parents

Like the mother of James and John, most parents want the best for their sons and daughters. As you follow Christ's direction, what will you emphasize in teaching your children about true greatness?

What means will you use to communicate your message to him/her/them?