

# Serve or Be Served?

Mark 10:32-45

THE SERVANT: SAVING  
MARK 



"When Christ calls  
a man,  
he bids him  
come and die."

32 They were on the road going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking on ahead of them; and they were amazed, and those who followed were fearful. And again He took the twelve aside and began to tell them what was going to happen to Him,

# Jerusalem – Divine Appointment 32

- ‘up to Jerusalem’
- Jesus walking ‘ahead’
- ‘amazed’ and ‘fearful’
- ‘took the twelve aside’



“It is only because he became like us that we can become like him.”

33 saying, “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and will hand Him over to the Gentiles.

34 They will mock Him and spit on Him,  
and scourge Him and kill Him, and three  
days later He will rise again.”

# Journey – Destiny of Jesus 33,34

- 2 times – Mark 8:31; 9:30-32
- 3<sup>rd</sup> time – Mark 10:33,34
- Predicting death – resurrection?
- All of this toward the Cross!





“Cheap grace is grace without  
discipleship,  
grace without the cross,  
grace without Jesus Christ,  
living and incarnate.”

35 James and John, the two sons of Zebedee, came up to Jesus, saying, “Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask of You.”

36,37 And He said to them, “What do you want Me to do for you?”

They said to Him, “Grant that we may sit, one on Your right and one on Your left, in Your glory.”

38 But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?”

39 They said to Him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you shall drink; and you shall be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized.

40 But to sit on My right or on My left,  
this is not Mine to give; but it is for those  
for whom it has been prepared.”

# James & John – Disciples of Ambition 35-40

- ‘what do you want Me to do for you?’
- Died – Raised – Conquer?
- Died – Raised – Depart?
- Secure a position before...

# James & John – Disciples of Ambition 35-40

- Jesus asked ‘are you able?’ – PRIDE
- He knew what was coming!
- They did not know what was coming!
- Isa 51:17; Hab 2:16; Zech 12:2



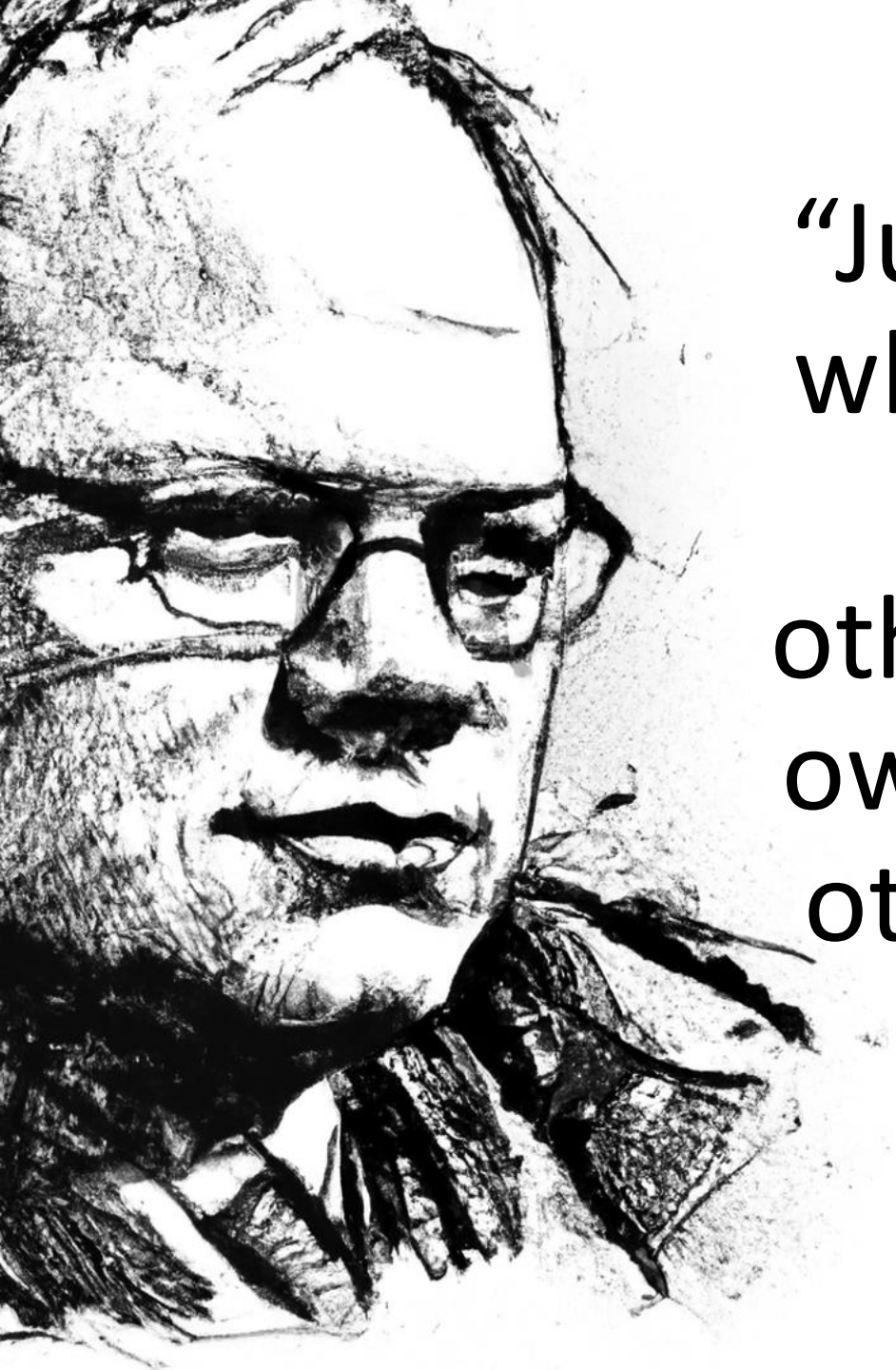


“Our hearts have room only  
for one all-embracing  
devotion, and we can only  
cling to one Lord.”

41 Hearing this, the ten began to feel indignant with James and John.

# Jealousy – Disciples of Anger 41

- Jealousy – Ambition
- ‘indignant’ – bent out of shape
- Where was Peter?
- James & John – ‘sons of thunder’
- Luke 9:54 – ‘call down fire?’



“Judging others makes us blind,  
whereas love is illuminating. By  
judging  
others we blind ourselves to our  
own evil and to the grace which  
others are just as entitled to as  
we are.”

42 Calling them to Himself, Jesus said to them, “You know that those who are recognized as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them; and their great men exercise authority over them.

43,44 But it is not this way among you,  
but whoever wishes to become great  
among you shall be your servant; and  
whoever wishes to be first among you  
shall be slave of all.

45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

# Justice – Death of Jesus 42-45

- Romans – power
- Rank – powerless
- Ransom – payment
  - λύτρον – sacrifice for another
  - כֹּפֶר *kofer* – Kippur – Day of Attonement





“The world exercises  
dominion by force and Christ  
and Christians conquer by  
service.”

***What do you want from Jesus?  
What does Jesus want from you?***





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“To deny oneself is to be aware only of Christ and no more of self, to see only him who goes before and no more the road which is too hard for us.”



“Jesus is the only  
significance.  
Beside Jesus nothing  
has any significance.  
He alone matters.”



"Earthly goods are given to be used, not to be collected."