

What Do You Want?

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The Death of Jesus

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Jesus is Leading the Way

- Mark 10:32 - "...and Jesus was walking ahead of them"
- Luke 9:51 - "When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem."
- Mark 10:32 - "With Jesus Leading the Way"
(Paraphrase)

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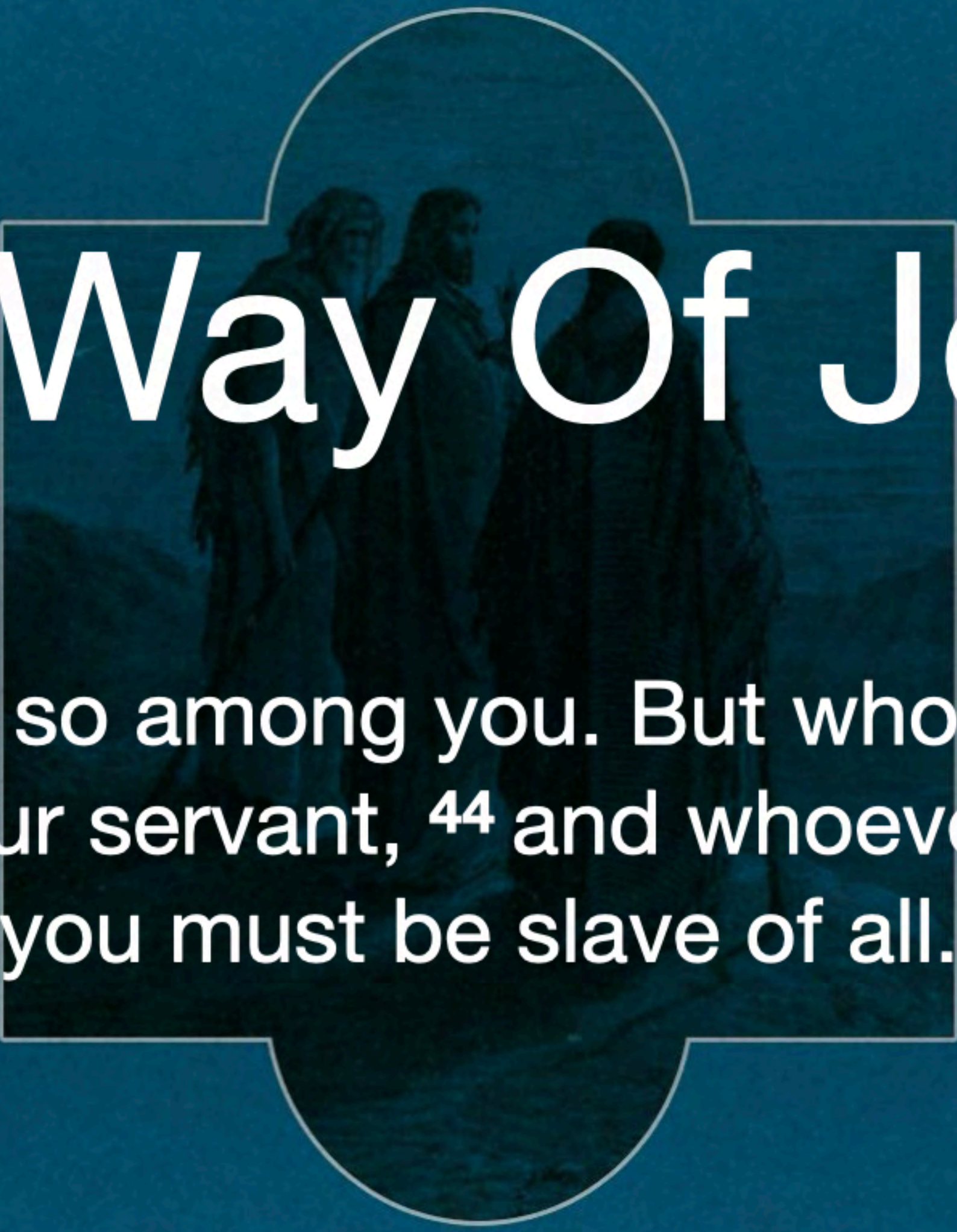
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Reaction of Disciples

Luke 18:34 - But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

The Way Of Jesus



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Jesus is glorified on the cross.

John 12:27-28

²⁷ “Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour.²⁸ Father, glorify your name!” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.”

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“James and John want to turn Jesus' messianic journey to Jerusalem into a march to glory - a glory in which they will sit on either side of him when he reigns as king... But the cross is not, for Jesus or for Mark, a difficult episode to be got through on the way to a [storybook] ending. It is precisely God's way of standing worldly power and authority on its head. When, at the end of this passage, Jesus quotes the servant song (...to give his life as a ransom for many'), he is making the point...

that the kingdom of God turns the world's ideas of power and glory upside down and inside out... The cross isn't just about God forgiving our sins because of Jesus' death (though of course this is central to it). Because it is God's way of putting the world, and ourselves, to rights, it challenges and subverts all the human systems which aim to put the world to rights but in fact only succeed in bringing a different set of humans out on top.

The reason James and John misunderstand Jesus is exactly the same as the reason why many subsequent thinkers, down to our own day, are desperate to find a way of having Jesus without having the cross as well: the cross calls into question all human pride and glory.”

- NT Wright

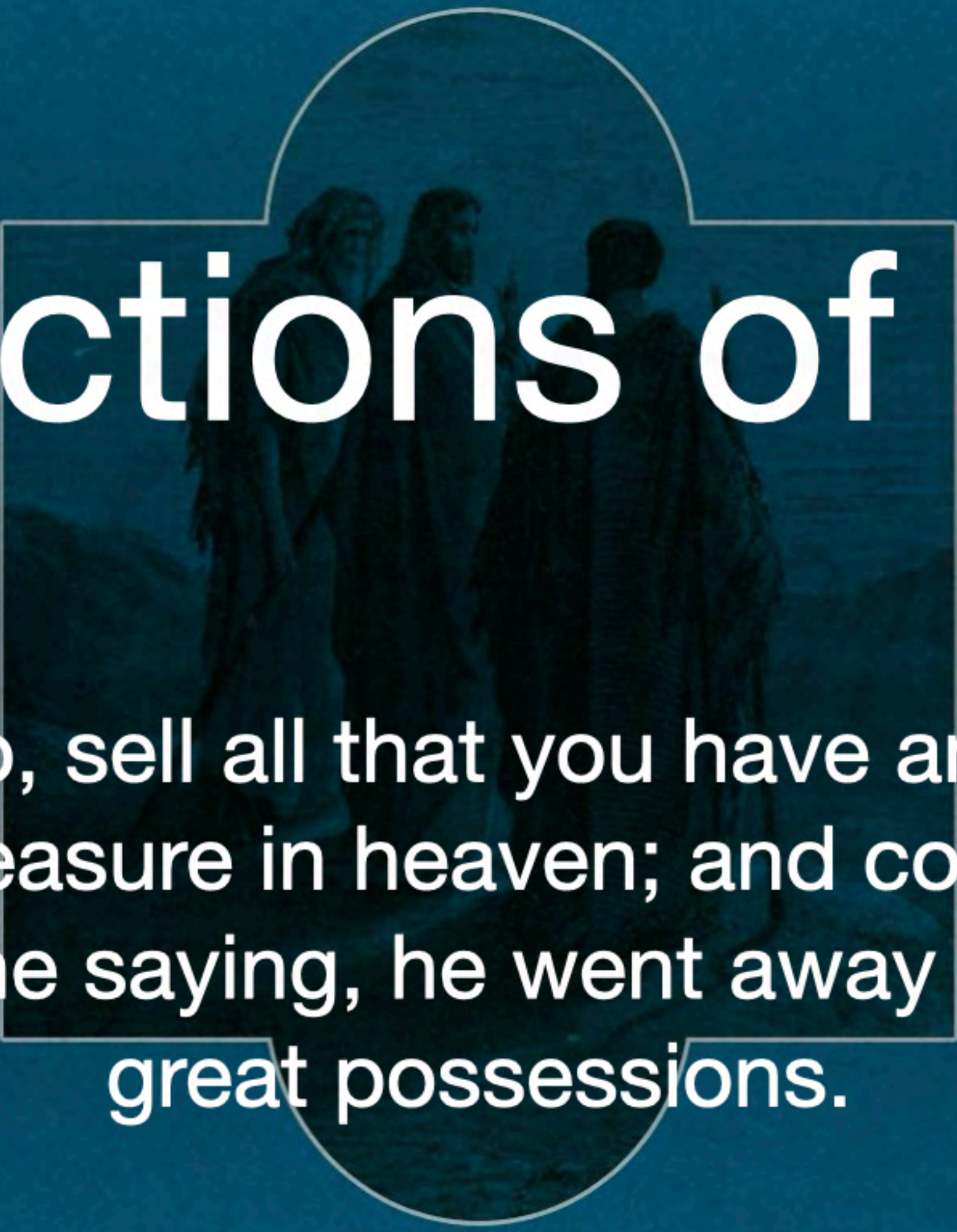
Servanthood

“We exist to serve, not to be served”

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“We wear aprons, not diapers”

The Actions of Jesus



“You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.”

²² Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

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The Valley of Vision

“Let me learn by paradox that the way down is the way up, that to be low is to be high, that the broken heart is the healed heart, that the contrite spirit is the rejoicing spirit, that the repenting soul is the victorious soul, that to have nothing is to possess all, that to bear the cross is to wear the crown, that to give is to receive, that the valley is the place of vision... let me find Your light in my darkness, Your life in my death, Your joy in my sorrow, Your grace in my sin, Your riches in my poverty, Your glory in my valley.”

What do you want?

In the Kingdom of God, the way up is the way down. Greatness is based on our desire to serve, rather than our desire for status.

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Next Steps

- I am thankful that God's kingdom is upside-down.
- I will pray for God to open my eyes to see Him for who He truly is.
- I will look for ways to serve others rather than to be served.
- This week, I will prayerfully reflect on what I really want.