

HOW DOES JESUS DIRECT OUR AMBITION?

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BEYOND THE WALLS
CELEBRATION PICNIC

¹⁶ He appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter);
¹⁷ James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder);

¹⁸ Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Zealot, ¹⁹ and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

MARK (MARCOS) 3:18-19 ESV

**WHICH DISCIPLE
WAS THE BEST?**

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**WHO IS THE
GREATEST?**

THE BEST?!

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**DO YOU WANT TO
BE FIRST?**

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PHILIPPIANS (FILIPENSES) 2:3 ESV



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CHAPTER 9:33-37

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CAESAREA PHILIPPI ●



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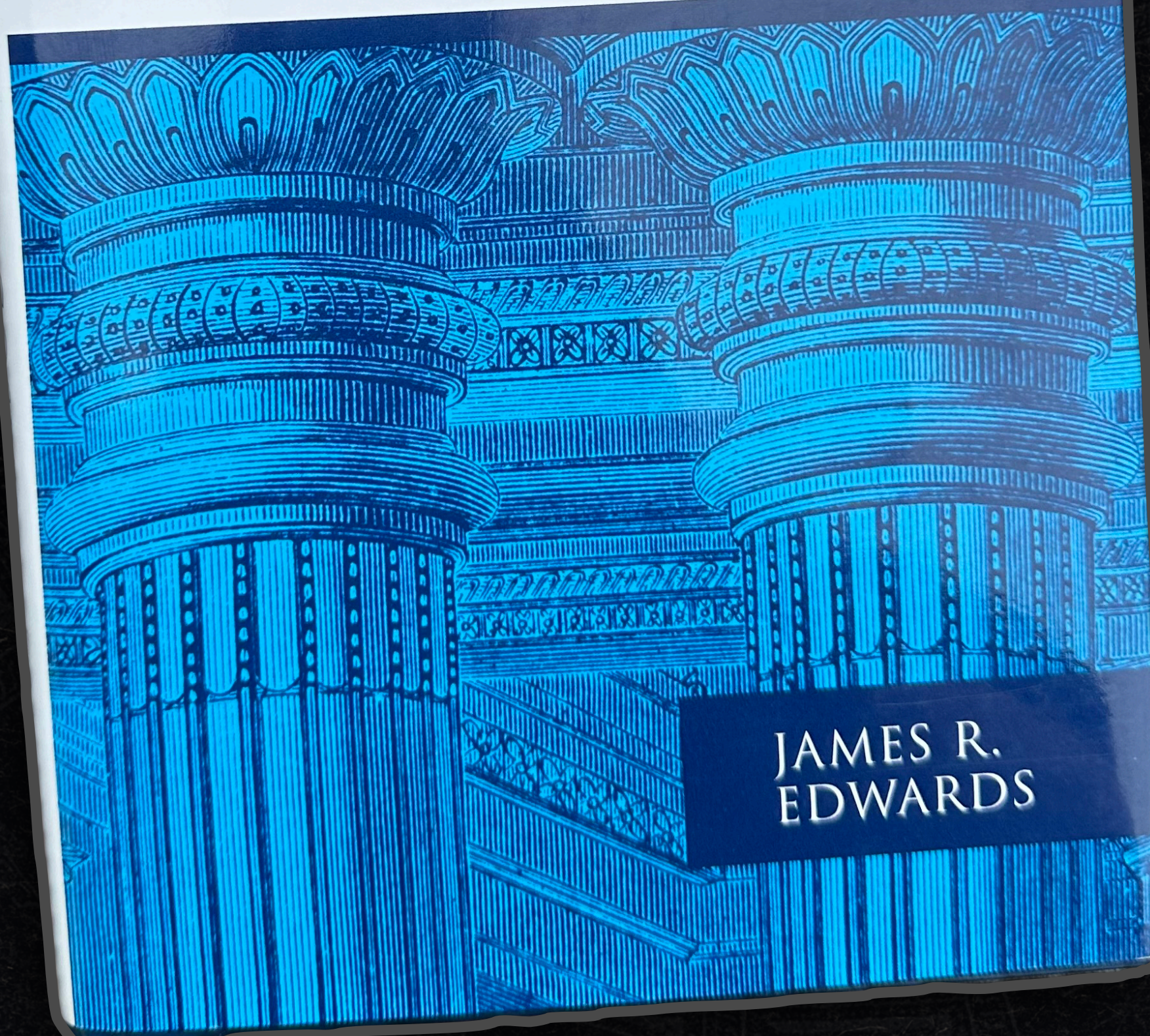
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⁴ Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.

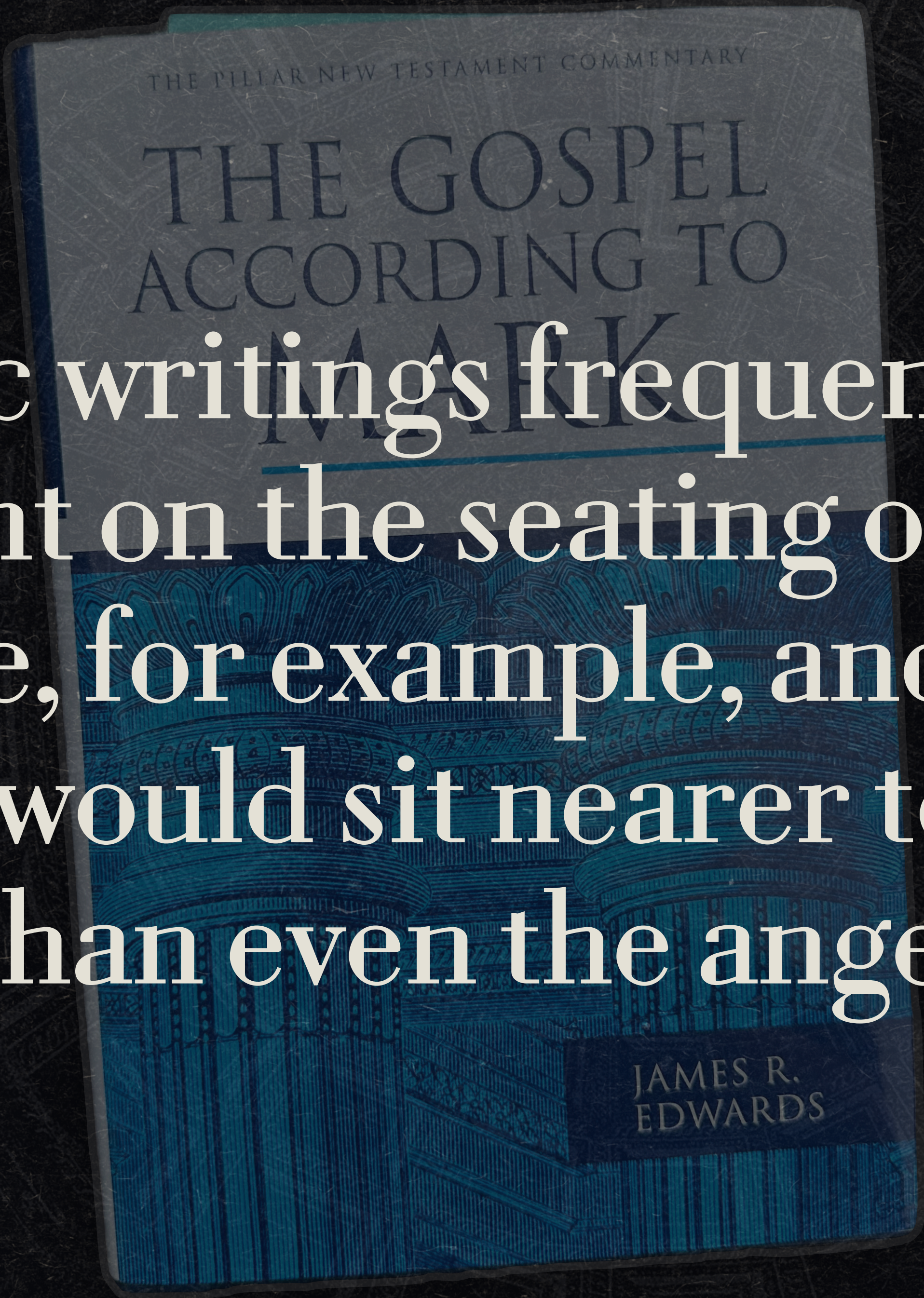
8 Then the other disciple,
who had reached the tomb
first, also went in, and he
saw and believed;

THE PILLAR NEW TESTAMENT COMMENTARY

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK



JAMES R.
EDWARDS

The image shows the front cover of a book titled 'THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK' by James R. Edwards. The cover is dark blue with a lighter blue, textured design of classical columns and arches. The title is printed in a serif font, with 'THE GOSPEL' and 'ACCORDING TO' in smaller letters above the larger word 'MARK'. At the top, in very small letters, it says 'THE PILLAR NEW TESTAMENT COMMENTARY'. The author's name, 'JAMES R. EDWARDS', is at the bottom right. Overlaid on the cover is a large quote in white serif font.

“Rabbinic writings frequently comment on the seating order in Paradise, for example, and argue that the just would sit nearer to the throne of God than even the angels.”

EDWARDS, p.286

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“At no point does the way of Jesus diverge more sharply from the way of the world than on the question of greatness.”



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36 And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them,

37 “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.”

“then there may also be a deliberate wordplay, for the word for child is the same as the word for servant in Aramaic—*talya*. If one wants to be first, he must be last of all and the servant/child of all.”

THE GOSPEL
OF
MARK

A Socio-Rhetorical
Commentary

BEN WITHERINGTON III

WITHERINGTON, p.270



JESUS,

I carry the name of

in prayer and
in my pocket
that you might
bring my friend
to you.