

Raised for More - Greater Works Than These

1 Peter 2:2-10; Acts 6:1-9, 7:2a, 51-60; John 14:1-14

We've all wrestled with a desire to be, "one of the _____" ...until we find out what it _____. Maybe it's before, perhaps it's after "greatness" is achieved, but many _____, try a _____, or live with remorse. Occasionally some pay the price and enjoy the fruit of greatness with those closest to them. But it's rare.

Of course, today we need to address a couple of important questions:

What even is "greatness"? More importantly, *how is it that Jesus says we will do "greater things"?*

Jesus repeatedly tells us greatness in _____ Kingdom is not the same as what the _____ calls great: _____, humility, and obedience are "great" in God's eyes. (Luke 9:46-48; Mark 10:43; Matt 5:19)

But "greater" than Jesus? _____ is truly greater than his salvific work in any sense whatsoever! Better miracles?? Uh, no. More Miracles?? Not _____! Greater impact?? Outnumbered!! Greater _____ success and fruitful proclamation of the _____ ??? Hmm...

Consider the context:

He's telling his _____ followers all that's about to happen...and they don't get it!!

He tells them these "greater works" will be done because Jesus is, "...going to the _____."

He connects it to asking anything, "in my _____" so "the Father may be _____."

Jesus will soon pray, "As you _____ me into the world, so I have _____ them into the world." (John 17:18)

Jesus is about to be _____, suffer, _____, rise, and ascend.

When he does, his disciples will finally "get it" and will preach as he did...with far greater _____.

Why? Because sin, death and the devil will have been _____!

Plus, Jesus will be leading, guiding, providing, and protecting!

"Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son."

So, who's really doing greater works? _____! But he intends to do it through _____!

There is nothing greater we can do than participate in the _____ of God. Not sports, politics, career, wealth, family, friends, travel... Though the mission of God often happens in and _____ those connections.

And here's the thing, the greatest _____ of this greatness has already been _____! By Jesus!

You have a _____ of greater things promised! Eternal life! Joy! A never ending _____!

You have a _____ greatness promised! Peace! Joy! A Good Shepherd to _____, and never forsake you.

But it's not just for you and me. It's for _____. And, *"No one comes to the Father except through me."*

Greatness skyrockets when we're on God's mission, because greatness is greatest when it's _____.

Consider the greatness exhibited by _____: servanthood, humility, obedience, and God's mission!

How is God leading you to see the great works of Jesus in all their glory?

How is God challenging you to be a part of even greater works by participating more fully in his mission?

How is the world's idea of greatness getting in the way?

What are you going to DO about it?