

## True Greatness

Mark 10:35-45 NIV

- I. Our desire to be great.
  - a. They want to be important; they want to be recognized – they’ve heard Jesus say, “Ask and it will be given to you,” so they’re asking.
  - b. Jesus has encouraged their desire for greatness. (Matt. 19:28) Peter has received special recognition and they are in the inner circle, so they, with their mom ask Jesus. Both are definitely involved – Matthew’s gospel makes this very clear.
  - c. Jesus tells them He can’t grant their request. “In His Name...” Sometimes we are sincerely asking something but it isn’t in His Name, His character and for His purpose.
    - i. You want privilege but don’t understand the price.
    - ii. You don’t know what greatness looks like.
- II. Greatness redefined.
  - a. You become great, not by how others treat you, but how you treat them. Jesus is the model of greatness for the human race.
    - i. His heart is to serve us, not to get us to serve Him. \*Real authority verses positional authority – He always had real authority, but His Presence among us won Him real authority. \*Who is worthy to judge? The Lamb who was slain is worthy. \*Sebastian’s response – the wonder.
    - ii. To serve us, He must die for us because we’ve been taken hostage by sin. \*A ransom could be paid at the temple for a Roman slave and then the gods owned him or her, and no man could own him or her again.
    - iii. The school and Rui’s Dad. Romans 6:23 \*The video (Macky, Chris sent this to you on What’sApp)
  - b. Our competitive spirit.
    - i. They always wanted to be recognized as better than their peers. “The ten were indignant.” \*Their favorite conversation. \*Even John the beloved couldn’t resist - The race to the tomb. (John 20:4)
    - ii. Peter’s question – “What about him?” John 21:22 NASB “Jesus \*said to him, “If I want him to remain until I come, what *is that* to you? You follow Me!”
  - c. Everyone can become great in heaven’s eyes. \*The retreat – “Whoever meddles in a quarrel not his own is like one who takes a passing dog by the ears.” You only have to please your commanding officer! (2Timothy 2:4; 2Cor. 4:5)
- III. The greatness of our king.

- a. Philippians 2:5-11 NIV “In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature<sup>[a]</sup> God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature<sup>[b]</sup> of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup>that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”
- b. David Shrank – Isaiah 9:7 “The zeal of the Lord of hosts will accomplish this.” This is our great hope for revival and awakening!