



desert breeze community church

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Jesusology

Mark 10:32-52

“Greatness”

In this passage we have Jesus' third attempt to teach his disciples the meaning of his death – the cross. (The first two were in 8:31-32 and 9:31-32.) This time he begins to explain the meaning and purpose of his death. Many believe that 10:45 is the key verse of the entire gospel, summarizing and combining the themes of this gospel's two halves about who Jesus is (chapters 1-8) and what he came to do (chapters 9-16).

Greatness Defined:

Who would ever want to be great in the Kingdom of God? Who strives to be one of the greatest for God? And if we knew what that meant – to be great for God – what does that entail?

❖ We live in a self-centered society.

“When a man is wrapped up in himself, he makes for a pretty small package.” -- John Ruskin

“Alas and did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die, would he devote that sacred head for such a worm as I.”
-- Isaac Watts

❖ True greatness is found in humility.

Mark 10:32-45

Sometimes “taking up a cup” is used in a favorable way.
Psalm 23:5 (Our cup overflows.)
Psalm 16:5 (Calls it a cup of blessing.)

But in this passage it's pictured in a very painful way that involves bitter suffering.

Mark 10:38-42 The Cup and Baptism of Christ
(Mark 14:36, 2 Corinthians 5:21. Isaiah 53:12)

❖ There is a cost in following Christ.

❖ We must be inconvenienced, we must pay a price, we must deny ourselves for the sake of Christ.

Mark 10:45 Summarizes the entire gospel.

Mark 10:46-52 A contrast between the answers given to the question asked by Jesus, “What do you want me to do for you?” One out of arrogance, the other from humility.

❖ We must recognize the desperate condition we are in.

❖ We must come out of physical darkness and out of spiritual darkness.

❖ The greatest price you can pay to follow Christ is to surrender yourself to his will for you.

For as often as you eat the bread and drink the cup, you remember his gift of grace that is extended to you. The price you pay – live for him and to be a servant of all...

From self-centered, to God-centered, to Others-Centered!

PRICELESS!!!

December 6 “The Final Temple”

Mark 11:1-25

December 13 “Who's the Boss?”

Mark 11:27-12:12

December 20 “Jesus & Politics”

Mark 12:13-17

December 24 Christmas Eve Services: 4 & 5:30 PM @ OHS

December 27 “The Afterlife”

Mark 12:18-29



Growing

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- 1) How would most Christians & non-Christians answer the question of what a person must do to become a Christian? Do you think money is a huge factor to being and living the Christian life? Explain.

- 2) Read Mark 10:13-31. What did Jesus mean when He said, "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God" (Hint: See v27)? How is salvation not through my works but through God's work? What does it mean to receive the Kingdom of God like a little child (v15)?

- 3) How did the Rich man respond to Jesus' instruction (v22)? Though a very moral man (vv20 & 26) what does his response tell you about his true spiritual condition? What are the four ways that money can be a menace to the Christian life (see sermon notes)?

- 4) What are the advantages and disadvantages of being wealthy? Why do you think most people want to be wealthy? Reflect on the signs that money is too important to you. Which one(s) do you struggle with the most? What are your thoughts on Tim Keller's quote?

- 5) How does the grace of God change a fear/pride motivated stingy heart into a love motivated generous heart (2 Cor. 8:9)? With what promise did Jesus conclude (vv29-31)? Thank God for how wealthy we are in Jesus Christ! (Phil. 4:11-13)