

All about Jesus...

KINGDOM LIVING

Greatness in the Kingdom


Matthew 20:17-28

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Worldly Living
Greatness Is Determined by How Many People Serve You

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¹⁷ While going up to Jerusalem, Jesus took the twelve disciples aside privately and said to them on the way, ¹⁸ "See, we are going up to Jerusalem. The Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death. ¹⁹ They will hand him over to the Gentiles to be mocked, flogged, and crucified, and on the third day he will be raised."

²⁰ Then the mother of Zebedee's sons approached him with her sons. She knelt down to ask him for something. ²¹ "What do you want?" he asked her. "Promise," she said to him, "that these two sons of mine may sit, one on your right and the other on your left, in your kingdom."




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²⁴ When the ten disciples heard this, they became indignant with the two brothers. ²⁵ Jesus called them over and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those in high positions act as tyrants over them. ²⁶ It must not be like that among you. On the contrary, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever wants to be first among you must be your slave; ²⁸ just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."




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Matthew 26:39
Going a little farther, he fell facedown and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, **let this cup pass from me**. Yet not as I will, but as you will."





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Luke 22:44
 Being in anguish, he prayed more fervently, and his sweat became like drops of blood falling to the ground.

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 Emotional Suffering
 Spiritual Suffering

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James Gulped Down the Cup of Suffering
 John Sipped the Cup of Suffering

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SELFISHNESS


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A RANSOM – Freedom

Matthew 20:28

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Somali Pirates - \$100 million in ransoms






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God the Father
 Ephesians 5:2
Christ also loved us and gave himself for us, a sacrificial and fragrant offering to God.



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A SERVANT – Greatness

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Voluntarily Surrenders to Serve the Master
 A person whose only interest is fulfilling the will of the Master.

Absolute Obedience to Jesus
Absolute Loyalty to Jesus
Absolute Security in Jesus




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Romans 6:18
Having been set free from sin, you became enslaved to righteousness.

1 Corinthians 9:19
Although I am free from all and not anyone's slave, I have made myself a slave to everyone, in order to win more people.



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The world determines greatness by how many servants a person has; but in God's Kingdom, greatness is determined by how many people you serve.

"Well done good and faithful servant."

