

Sermon notes: Mark (Sermon 45)

Series	What a great life!	Message	Descending to the top
Passage	Mark 10:32-45	Date	17 May 2008
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I. Jesus predicts a third time his descent into suffering and death leading to resurrection to life [Mark 10:32-34]

1. Jesus leads his disciples on the road up to Jerusalem

a. They were going to the opposition's centre of power

i. 3:22; 7:1

b. Jesus is walks ahead as a man determined to claim his deadly destiny

i. Impatient & eager

ii. Not shared by followers – they are amazed and afraid

iii. 9:32; 10:24

2. Jesus leads his disciples on the road down to Jerusalem

a. Conscious of his destiny and purpose

i. To be delivered

ii. Isaiah 50:7

b. Conscious of his exaltation

i. Daniel 7:13-14

c. Conscious of his humiliation and suffering

d. Conscious of his condemnation

e. Conscious of his triumphal resurrection

**II. Jesus' ambition, unlike James and John, is to *descend* to the top
[Mark 10:35-45]**

- 1. James and John are pre-eminent disciples, maybe wanting to get an advantage over spokesman Peter**
- 2. James and John are presumptuous disciples**
 - a. Son of Man & resurrection mean glory and they want their share**
- 3. Jesus is a lowly and gentle leader**
 - a. There will be glory but via a path of drinking the cup and being baptised**
 - b. Share the suffering and share the glory**
- 4. Jesus knows that these men will for his sake and God's mission share the same outcome as him**
 - a. They will suffer but the honours will be distributed by God the Father**
 - b. The cup**
 - i. What God provides or allocates**
 - ii. Joy & prosperity -P16;4; 24:5; 116:13**
 - iii. Anger & punishment – Ps 11:6; 16:5; 75:8; Isa 51:17, 22; Jer 25:15-28; 49:12; Heb 2:16)**
 - c. Baptism**
 - i. Metaphor for death (P 42:7; 69:2; Isa 43:2)**
 - d. What is shared – suffering and dying for the gospel' sake**
 - e. What is not shared – providing a ransom for many**

- i. Many is all not a select few (Mark 10:45 cp Isa 53:10-11; 1 Tim 2:6; Isa 52:15; Rom 5:12-21 and interchange of all and many)**
- 5. Un-Christlike leadership – take and dominate**
- 6. Christ-like leadership – give and serve**
 - a. Not a passive victim but an active and deliberate giver providing a ransom – John 10:11; Rom 8:2-4 – cp to passive victim of Isa 53**

III. Following Jesus

- 1. The great life – first is last, greatest is lowest**
- 2. Jesus not only the model but the motive and the means**
 - a. He ransomed me from death and condemnation so I must love him that much**
- 3. Recruiting disciples for Jesus Christ not for our church club**
- 4. Building up disciples by teaching and modelling self-sacrifice and love as serving others**
- 5. What is my goal for me? Am I mixing God's honour with mine and am I energised by self interest**
- 6. Consumer v Contributing Christians**
 - a. Don't want to give only get – then go join the golf club**
- 7. Ransomed Christians – we are his**