

the gospel of
MARK

Servanthood
and
Sacrifice

Mark 10:32-53; Isaiah 53

The Gospel of Mark (*review*)

- Mark 1-8: Jesus' Identity and Authority over ALL
 - *Nature, disease, sin, demonic, Law & Prophets,*
- Mark 9-16: Jesus' Mission and Example
 - Give His life as a ransom for many
 - Call followers who will imitate Him

Mark 10:32-34 Servanthood and Sacrifice

- Jesus' Third prediction of His death (8:31, 9:31)
 - Disciples are “astonished”, “afraid”
 - A Jewish trial and a Roman Trial
- The Suffering Servant (Isaiah 53)
 - v. 3-6: despised, rejected, crushed, pierced
 - vv. 6, 10, 12: It was the *Lord's will* that He bear the sin of many!

Mark 10:35-45 Servanthood and Sacrifice

- Request of James and John
 - Misunderstand idea of Jesus' kingdom
 - Messiah = conquering military king!
- Response of Jesus
 - 'Cup' and 'Baptism'
 - eg, *Can you bear the overwhelming suffering with which I am about to suffer overwhelmingly?*

Mark 10:35-45 Servanthood and Sacrifice

- Reaction of the other disciples
 - Indignant/offended/antagonized
 - Did we miss our chance to ask??
- Reminder from Jesus
 - Greatness in His kingdom is measured by Service and Sacrifice, NOT position, power and popularity

**For the Son of Man did not come to be served,
but to serve,
and to give His life as a ransom for many**

Mark 10:45

Mark 10:46-52 Servanthood and Sacrifice

- The LAST healing miracle in Mark's gospel
 - Bartimaeus (Bar = *son of*; Timaeus = his dad's name!)
 - (1) Knew his desperate need
 - (2) Correctly identified Jesus as King/Lord/Authority
 - (3) Persisted with vigor!
 - “shouted”, “threw”, “jumped”

- 1. Do I think and act in a way that prioritizes Servanthood and Sacrifice to those around me? Or do I covet, admire and strive for Position, Power and Popularity?
- 2. Do I approach God to become more like Him or to get Him to go along with what I want?
- 3. Are you aware of your desperate need for true sight before God? Will you call out to Him, receive His response, and passionately follow Him?