

Jesus the Reason

Jesus the Servant and Savior

Mark 10:32-45

Detailed Outline from the Sermon on March 9, 2008

On the road

The disciples are astonished that Jesus would walk into the heart of danger. (32)

Other followers are afraid. Throughout the story, the commitment of followers is put to the test. (32)

Jesus is determined to accomplish the strange, awful and wonderful thing he came to do. (33-34)

An honest request

The preamble (35-36)

“Teacher we want you to do for us whatever we ask.” (Like a child, “Mom, Dad, will you say yes to something before I ask?”)

The considerable favor (37)

“Let us sit on your right and left in your glory?” (Earthly? Heavenly?)

The implications (38-39)

“You don’t know what you’re talking about. Those choice seats are reserved for people who’ve suffered great hardships in life. Can you handle that?”

The answer (39-40)

“Yes.”

“You’ll be more qualified for those seats than you realize. Nonetheless, I don’t choose the seats and I believe they are quite reserved.”

The reaction of others (41) “Dude! James and John are trying to squeeze us out!”

Jesus calls a huddle

Authority in the world (42)

“You know how the world works - rulers ruling, bosses bossing, and people clamoring to be important.”

Greatness in the eyes of Jesus (43)

“Not so with you. If you want to be great, be a servant. If you want to be first, present yourself as a slave of all.”

First in the order of Jesus (44)

The ultimate lesson (45)

“Even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and give his life as a ransom for many.”

Kinds of service

Doing the thing before you (Matthew 5:40-42) “If someone asks you, give...”

Doing the thing others avoid (Luke 10:25-37) Good Samaritan parable.

Leadership as service

Starting with motive (1Corinthians 16:14)

“Let all that you do be done in love.”

Then comes attitude (James 4:10, 1 Timothy 1:5, Philippians 2:7)

Attitude really means sustaining a good motive.

“Humble yourselves...”

Empowering others (Acts 1:8, John 21:15-17)

Jesus' ludicrous plan... "Peter, feed my sheep..."

Resourcing good intentions (Ephesians 4:12)

Leaders equipping others to serve effectively...

Guarding and promoting (Philippians 2:19-30)

Paul with Timothy, Titus, Epaphroditus, Aquila, Priscilla,
Tertius, Gaius, Erastus, Jason, Sosipater, Lucius

Honoring (Philippians 2:29-30)

Getting in front (interference)

Guarding from behind (protection)

Doing what you're gifted for

Recognize the gift (1 Corinthians 12)

Use the gift (1 Timothy 4:14)

Refine the gift (1 Timothy 4:15) Some might reverse these. No,
there's too much to do and waiting can kill zeal.

Answering your life call

General (Matthew 22:37-38 the Great Commandment, Matthew
28:19-20 the Great Commission)

Specific (Ephesians 4:11-16)

Practicing

Christ-imitation (John 13) wash feet

Self-presentation (Romans 12:1-2) present yourselves

Spirit-walking (Galatians 5:16-25)

Mutual submission (Ephesians 5)

Whatever you do (Colossians 3:23), do it as unto the Lord.