

Summit Woods Baptist Church
Sermon Study Equipping Class

Mark 10:32-45

As Pastor Bret begins his sabbatical, this week begins three weeks with guest preachers before our summer series on the person and work of Christ begins June 2nd. We are excited to have Dr. Jason Allen, the president of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary with us this coming week to preach on Mark 10:32-45.

❖ Day 1

Read Mark 10:32-45.

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined>. Commands are double-underlined>. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

- 32 And they were on the road,
 going up to Jerusalem,
 and Jesus was walking ahead of them.
 And they were amazed,
 and those who followed were afraid.
 And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him,
- 33 saying,
 "See,
 we are going up to Jerusalem,
 and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes,
 and they will condemn him to death
 and deliver him over to the Gentiles.
- 34 And they will mock him
 and spit on him,
 and flog him
 and kill him.
 And after three days he will rise."
- 35 And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him,
 "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you."
- 36 And he said to them,
 "What do you want me to do for you?"
- 37 And they said to him,
 "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory."
- 38 Jesus said to them,
 "You do not know what you are asking.
 Are you able to drink the cup that I drink,
 or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?"
- 39 And they said to him,
 "We are able."
 And Jesus said to them,
 "The cup that I drink you will drink,

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40 and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized,
 but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant,
 but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”
41 And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John.
42 And Jesus called them to him and said to them,
 “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them,
 and their great ones exercise authority over them.
43 But it shall not be so among you.
 But whoever would be great among you must be your servant,
44 and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all.
45 For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,
 and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

1. What are the circumstances in v. 32 that lead to this profound conversation?

2. What is on the minds of those accompanying Jesus? What might these mindsets indicate in light of the gospel of Mark? (i.e. Look for where these words have been used already in Mark's gospel)

3. How does Jesus respond to the current mindset?

4. What does Jesus tell them about? Where has Jesus said this before in Mark?

5. List the details about Jesus' prediction of what will happen to him. (Skim 14:43-16:8 for the fulfillment of these things)

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6. How should the twelve have responded to these predictions? How had they responded before?

7. Describe the transition from v. 34 to vv. 35-37.

8. What were the minds of the disciples focused on?

❖ Day 2

Read Mark 10:32-45 again.

9. What did James and John ask for in v. 37?

10. What does Jesus' answer in v. 38 reveal concerning the path to glory?

11. To what was Jesus referring in v. 38?

12. What does their answer in v. 38 reveal?

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13. What does Jesus predict concerning the disciples in v. 38? Did the disciples fulfill this?

14. What is Jesus doing in v. 40? Was their request central to his mission?

15. How did the ten respond to James and John? What does this reveal about them as well?

16. What is Jesus teaching the disciples with the contrast in v. 42-43a?

❖ Day 3

Read Mark 10:32-45 again.

17. What is the kind of leadership Jesus is prescribing in vv. 43-44?

18. What is the explanation Jesus offers for this model of leadership?

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19. For what purpose did Jesus say he came in v. 45? How does the second part of v. 45 clarify the first part?

20. How does this address many false notions concerning Jesus' mission?

21. Summarize what Jesus is teaching the disciples in vv. 42-45.

22. What does this teach us concerning the path to glory?

23. What is the foundational principle for greatness according to this passage?

24. What are some practical ways this passage impacts you?

In preparation for Sunday, pray that our hearts would be humbled as we consider the humble attitude of Christ and his mission to ransom many.