



# Mark Lesson 9: serving?


- Christianity in a nutshell:
- What did **Jesus do?**
- What am **I to do?**
- Problems as opportunities?
- Remember, “Jesus is watching!”


## Text: Mark 10.35-45, NIV

- <sup>35</sup> Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. “Teacher,” they said, “we want you to do for us whatever we ask.”
- <sup>36</sup> “What do you want me to do for you?” he asked.
- <sup>37</sup> They replied, “Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.”

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- 38 “You don’t know what you are asking,” Jesus said. “Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?”
  - 39 “We can,” they answered.

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- Jesus said to them, “You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, <sup>40</sup> but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared.”

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- **4<sup>1</sup> When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. 4<sup>2</sup> Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them.**

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- <sup>43</sup> Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup> and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup> For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

# Serving?

1. What we want most
2. Our ignorance
3. What Jesus requires
4. What Jesus offers

# I. What we want most

- “Teacher,” they said, “we want you to do for us whatever we ask.”
- This is true for all humanity
- Sin = selfishness
- We think Jesus came to make us ..



## 2. Our ignorance

- <sup>38</sup> “*You don’t know what you are asking,*”
- Often we act/speak out of gross ignorance
- Jesus knows us better than we know ourselves
- Jesus has grace for our ignorance!

### 3. What Jesus requires

- Jesus said to them, “You will drink the cup I drink
- What was ‘the cup’?
- The willingness to die

# The 'Cup'

- *Abba! Father! All things are possible for you; remove **this cup** from me; yet not what I will, but what you will. (Mark 14:36)*
- The cup was the **death** he was about to endure. So he was saying to James and John: if you want to rule with me in my glory the way you are asking, then you must **die with me**—you must drink the same cup.
  - <https://www.desiringgod.org/messages/the-son-of-man-came-to-serve>

## 4. What Jesus offers

- *45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”*
- Jesus offers His service
- Jesus paid our ransom
- He also paid it for many others!

# Ready to serve?

- Jesus knows our **needs**
- Jesus calls us to a life of **sacrifice**
- Jesus **died for us!**
- Jesus is still **serving us!**
- As we serve Jesus in **sacrificial love**, we accomplish His ongoing desire to reach others – more of the ‘many’
- Our problems are **opportunities!**