

JESUS

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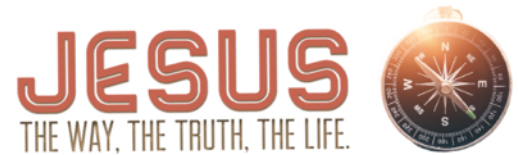


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learn to serve

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Matthew 20:20-28



1. You don't
understand what you
are asking.



They didn't ask on their own.
Still earthly minded.
Selfish and uninformed with their
request.
Just don't understand.



For My thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways My ways, says
the Lord. For as the heavens are
higher than the earth, so are My ways
higher than your ways, and My
thoughts than your thoughts.

Isaiah 55:8-9



Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.
Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21



2. Are you ready for what is
to come?

(Can you live the life I have
lived?)



They again did not understand what it
meant to drink from the cup:

Plunged in deep waters/ to sink in a
flood

Affliction and Suffering



Jesus was looking for:

Greater love has no one than this, than
to lay down one's life for his
friends. John 15:13

By this we know love, because He
laid down His life for us. And we also ought
to lay down our lives for the brethren.

1 John 3:16



3. Jesus turns it
upside down.



The more I accomplish the better the reward.

If I get close to the boss, the better opportunities I'll get.

The older I am, I should get better treatment.

I have authority so I deserve more.



Jesus clearly states life is about serving and not about being served contrary to the world's philosophy of "Give me mine."



How did the disciples miss what
He had just spoken about?

He is the owner of the vineyard
and is prepared to give "Life" to
those who give their lives to Him.



This is the reason He came
and the example He has set:
To serve those around us; both
believers and unbelievers



A. He served by seeking to save the lost

And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Luke 19:9-10



B. His desire was to serve

And whoever desires to be first among you,
let him be your slave—just as the Son of
Man did not come to be served, but to
serve, and to give His life a ransom for
many.

Matthew 20:27-28



C. He knows who He is looking for

When Jesus heard that, He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice.' For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."

Matthew 9:12-13



Serve others in humility:

Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

Philippians 2:3-4



Serve others through sacrifice:

Yes, and if I am being poured out *as a drink offering* on the sacrifice and service of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. For the same reason you also be glad and rejoice with me.

Philippians 2:17-18



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Questions to Ponder

1. When you make your request to God, do you really understand what you are asking for?
2. What type of service are you modeling – serving or being served?
3. Have you lost sight of why we are here?
4. Have you fully surrendered to Him?

