

HUMILITY IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD (Mk. 10:32-45)
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TEXT—Mark 10:32-45

MAIN IDEA—Christ calls each of His disciples to follow Him and serve others for His glory. This is humility in God's kingdom and the path to greatness in the eyes of God.

MEMORY VERSE—Mark 10:45

THE LORD'S EXAMPLE OF HUMILITY (Mk. 10:32-34)—Though the disciples often missed it and frequently forgot it before the cross and the coming of the Spirit, nevertheless the Lord perfectly displayed the humility He gives and requires in His Kingdom.

Matt.1:21; Lk. 19:10; Jn. 6:38

Mk. 8:31; 9:31

V33-34—Jesus had previously predicted what would occur (i.e. suffering, death, and resurrection). This time Jesus told them where the suffering would take place (Jerusalem), the role the Gentiles will play in His trial and death, and that He would rise again.

Jesus predicts 6 things would happen to Him while in Jerusalem:

- 1) His betrayal (*the Son of Man will be delivered to the Chief Priest and Scribes*).
- 2) His rejection (*the Chief Priest and Scribes will condemn Him to death...*).
- 3) His suffering unjustly. For the religious leaders *hand Him over to the Gentiles*.
- 4) His ridicule & physical suffering (*They will mock Him and spit on Him, and scourge Him...*).

Lk. 22:63-65

Is. 53:4-5

- 5) His execution (They will... *kill Him*).

Is. 53:6, 10-11

Jn. 3:16-17;

- 6) His resurrection (*and three days later He will rise again*).

1 Cor. 15:57

THE DISCIPLES DISPLAY OF PRIDE (Mk. 10:35-41)—While Jesus humbly journeyed to Jerusalem focused on His mission to redeem God’s people through His death, the disciples focused on themselves and who they thought was the greatest disciple among them. Their blindness to their own pride was a major problem and a destructive obstacle to effectiveness in the Kingdom of God.

Is. 2:11-12, 17

Mt. 20:20-21; Jas. 4:3

1 Pet. 5:5

THE COMMON CALL TO SERVE (Mk. 10:42-45)—The world defines greatness as having power over others for our glory. Yet according to Christ, the Greatest of all, greatness in the eyes of God isn’t dominating others for our glory but ‘humbly serving others for the glory of God’. This is the common call of every follower of Christ!

V43-45—Here the Lord declares the path to true greatness in the eyes of God for all in His Kingdom. True greatness in the eyes of God is humbly serving others for their good and God’s glory (servant leadership).

ESV Text note—Leadership among God’s people should be characterized by serving the people and acting for their best interests, not by assuming that the people are to serve the leaders. These principles apply not only to leadership in the church but also in all relations (i.e. in civil government, the civil authority is to be “God’s servant for your good”-Rom.13:4; 1 Sam.8:11-20; 12:3-5).

1 Pet.5:1-7

What’s our application? To Trust in Christ and follow the lead of our Savior by humbly serving others for their good and the glory of God!

Phil. 2:3-11