

The Greatest Servant of All, Mark 10:32-52

Jesus came to serve and Jesus came to save.

Jesus sets the scene (vv. 32-34)

Jesus came to serve (vv. 35-45b)

“The cross is not, for Jesus or for Mark, a difficult episode to get through on the way to a happy ending. It is precisely God’s way of standing worldly power and authority on its head...The kingdom of God turns the world’s ideas of power and glory upside down and inside out.”

NT Wright

And to him was given dominion
and glory and a kingdom,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him;
his dominion is an everlasting dominion,
which shall not pass away,
and his kingdom one
that shall not be destroyed.

Daniel 7:14

...Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant...

Philippians 2:5b-2:7a

And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."

Mark 8:34

Jesus came to save (v. 45)

Jesus “triumphed over sin not by taking up power but by serving sacrificially. He ‘won’ through losing everything. This is a complete reversal of the world’s way of thinking, which values power, recognition, wealth, and status...The gospel, then, creates a new kind of servant community, with people who live out an entirely alternate way of being human.”

- Tim Keller, *Center Church*

A postscript example (vv. 46-52)