

THE GOSPEL OF  
**MARK**®  
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## CHAPTER 10, PART 2

Verses 32-52

### FORESHADOWING

Jesus and His disciples are continuing their journey up to Jerusalem where the cross awaits Jesus. His death is a matter of weeks away. Knowing what is ahead of Him, Jesus continues to teach His disciples the lessons they have a hard time accepting. We can relate to these men and their lack of understanding because we too must be taught the same lessons, over and over again, before we can grasp a full picture of what Jesus is teaching us about His Kingdom. In this section of Scripture, Jesus will once again focus on explaining His coming crucifixion, true servanthood, and the faith of a blind man.

#### MEMORY VERSE

*For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.* **Mark 10:45**

**Read Mark 10:32-52.** Prayerfully consider Jesus's teaching on greatness and Him as our Servant King. What did you notice about verses 36 and 51? Share a verse that stood out to you.

#### JESUS PREPARES HIS DISCIPLES FOR HIS CRUCIFIXION

1. As the disciples and the multitudes traveled down the road going up to Jerusalem, who led them? What were the people feeling as they walked along? Who did Jesus take aside from the crowd? Why (v.32)?

2. How many other times had Jesus told His disciples what would happen to Him once they got to Jerusalem (v.32)? (Also see Mark 8:31; 9:31; Luke 9:44; Matt. 17:22.) Why do you think this is important?
  
3. Read Isaiah 50:7 and Philippians 2:5-8. Fully aware of what awaited Him in Jerusalem, Jesus steadfastly set His will to be obedient to His Father's call. He did this for you. As you ponder this, write a prayer of thanksgiving to Jesus for His sacrificial love for you.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Jesus's thoughts were not on Himself but on His disciples. He was preparing them for what was about to happen. Write exactly what He tells them will happen to Him:
  - a. Who did Jesus say He was?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. Who would He be delivered up to?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - c. What will they do to Jesus?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - d. What will they then do to Him?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - e. After all is said and done, what does Jesus say He will do?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. What additional information does Luke give as part of the preparation Jesus gave the disciples? (See Luke 18:31-33.) Read Isaiah 50:7; 53:1-12 and Psalm 22 to get an idea of what the Prophets wrote concerning what Jesus was about to suffer. Which verse affected you the most?

6. Did the disciples understand what Jesus was telling them? Why? (See Luke 18:34.)

## **PERSONAL**

It is comforting to know Jesus is so kind and patient with us as He leads us to all truth about Him. How is Jesus leading you today into a deeper knowledge of Him and His Kingdom? What have you learned so far as you have walked with Jesus through the Gospel of Mark?

## **GREATNESS IS SERVING**

7. Who came to Jesus and what was their request (vv.35-37)? How does this request prove they did not understand what Jesus had just taught them? (Also see Matt. 19:28; Luke 22:28-30.) What were they focused on?
8. Matthew puts this incident in a different light. How does Matthew describe this request of James and John to Jesus? Who was behind it? (See Matthew 20:20-21.)
9. How did Jesus answer their request (v.38)? (Also see Matt. 20:22.)
10. What did Jesus mean by referring to the cup He would drink from and His baptism (v.36)? (Also see Luke 12:50, 22:41-43; Matt. 26:36-42; John 18:11)
11. James and John were confident they could drink of the cup and experience the same baptism Jesus was describing in verse 39. What did Jesus proclaim to them? Read what happened to both these men (James in Acts 12:1-2 and John in Revelation 1:9).

“Tradition goes on to relate that in the persecution under Domitian he is taken to Rome, and there, by his boldness, though not by death, gains the crown of martyrdom. The boiling oil into which he is thrown has no power to hurt him. He is then sent to labor in the mines, and Patmos is the place of his exile.” *Pastor Chuck Smith*

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
 James was the elder brother of John, both sons of Zebedee. Mark 3:17 tells us that Jesus gave them the name of “Boanerges” meaning *Sons of Thunder*, “...indicating a burning and impetuous spirit.” James was the first apostle of the twelve to be martyred. John was the last of the twelve to die.

12. How did Jesus answer the request of who would sit on right and left on His throne (v.40)?

13. When the other disciples heard what James and John had asked Jesus, what was their reaction and how did Jesus correct their thinking (vv.41-42)?

“Like many people today, the disciples were making the mistake of following the wrong examples. Instead of modeling themselves after Jesus, they were admiring the glory and authority of Roman rulers, men who loved position and authority. While there is nothing wrong with aspiring to greatness, we must be careful how we define “greatness” and why we want to achieve it.” *Warren Wiersbe*

14. How did Jesus define true greatness (vv.43-44)? Consider and note the attributes of each below:

WORLDLY VALUES	KINGDOM OF GOD VALUES

15. Peter heard this message and took the words of Jesus to heart. What does 1 Peter 5:1-4 say?

16. How is Jesus our example? What did He come to do? Look up in a Bible Dictionary the definition of the word *ransom*. Jesus came and paid a debt He did not owe for you who owed a debt you could never pay. Have you received Jesus's ransom payment for your sins?

### **DIG DEEPER**

Prayerfully read Philippians 2:5-11 and Titus 2:14. How does Jesus's example of humble submission to the authority of God speak to you?

“And so again, Jesus is teaching the importance, if you want to be a ruler, if you want to be chief, if you want to be the head, then learn to be the servant. The path of greatness is through service. It is important that I realize that as I am serving man, I am actually serving God. I do it in the name of the Lord; I do it as unto the Lord. Whatsoever you do in word or deed, do all to the glory of God. And you need to realize that in serving the Lord, that constitutes serving man, because that's what the Lord requires you to do as His servant. And so the path of greatness is the path of humility, learning to be the servant.” *Pastor Chuck Smith*

### **A BLIND BEGGAR IS HEALED**

17. As Jesus and the disciples moved on, they came to Jericho and, as usual, a large crowd followed after them. Who was sitting by the side of the road? Describe what he was doing and his name (v.46). (Also see Luke 18:35-39.) How does Matthew 20:3 describe this incident?

“There were two blind beggars sitting by the road. (Matthew 20:30), one of whom was Bartimaeus. Both Mark and Luke focused attention on him since he was the more vocal of the two. *Warren Wiersbe*

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Jericho lay 17 miles east and 3,500 feet below Jerusalem. The road goes up because of the city's elevation. The multitude was made up of Passover pilgrims.

18. What had Bartimaeus heard? (Answer below)
- By what name did he address Jesus as he passed by?
  - How does Jesus refer to Himself in Revelation 22:16?
  - What did he beg Jesus to do for him?
  - What was the reaction of the crowd at this time?
  - What did Bartimaeus continue to do (vv.47-48)?

Son of David was a popular way of addressing Jesus as the Messiah because it was known that the Messiah would be a descendent of King David (Isaiah 9:7). The fact that Bartimaeus called Jesus the Son of David shows he recognized Jesus as the Messiah. His faith in the Messiah brought his healing.

19. As Jesus heard Bartimaeus's cry, what did He do and then command (v.49a)? The crowd now changed their criticism of this blind man to "Be of good \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ He is \_\_\_\_\_ you (v.49b).

20. What did Bartimaeus throw aside, and why would that be significant? What did Jesus then ask this blind man (v.51)?

21. What title does Mark say Bartimaeus gave Jesus at this time?

"When Bartimaeus called Jesus "Lord" he used the title *Rabboni* meaning "my Master." The only other person in the Gospels who used it was Mary (John 20:16). The beggar had twice called Him "Son of David" a national messianic title, but Rabboni was an expression of personal faith." *Warren Wiersbe*

22. What beautiful words did Bartimaeus hear, and what happened immediately? How was Bartimaeus's life changed in this moment (v.52)?

We do not know how long Bartimaeus had been blind, but it took him only a moment to decide to call on Jesus for help. Jesus met many spiritually blind people—religious leaders, family members, people in the crowds. Though their eyes were fine, they could not see the truth about Jesus. But blind Bartimaeus had heard the report that Jesus was coming and boldly cried out for help.

### **DIG DEEPER**

Jesus called His disciples aside in Mark 10:32 and then again in Mark 10:42 Jesus called them to Himself. Finally, the blind Bartimaeus was commanded by Jesus to be called. How does this speak to you? Is Jesus calling you to come aside so He can take you deeper into truth about Himself and His Kingdom? Or to open up your blind eyes spiritually? Will you, like Bartimaeus, throw aside whatever is hindering you to receive deeper Spiritual sight?

### **DWELL ON THIS**

“Rabboni, that I may receive my sight.”

