

An Appointment With Destiny

Matthew 20:17-28

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I. The third prediction of Jesus' death. **Matthew 20:17-19**

As Jesus was heading to Jerusalem, He was walking in front of them and they were seeing a look on _____ they had never seen before.

- This same Son of Man will come back in all His Power and _____, but first He must suffer and die for the sins of the world. **Daniel 7:13**

The Cross of Jesus was not plan "B", it was the _____ will of God for Jesus to take the cross and cleanse us from sin.

- Jesus is not in the death business, He's in the _____ business.

II. The cup. **Matthew 20:20-23**

Up until the Crucifixion, the Disciples just did not comprehend that the cross had to come before the _____.

- Jesus Christ received the _____ that the people He saved deserved.

"Ready for either. The ox had to be ready either for the supreme moment of _____ on the altar or long labor of the plough on the farm." Barclay

III. Greatness in the Kingdom comes from serving. **Matthew 20:24-27**

Jesus clearly teaches His Disciples their behavior of striving for power and position within the Kingdom is the behavior of _____ people.

- The definition of **lord it over** means to act in a way that shows one thinks they are better or more _____ than someone else.

1 Peter 1:18 knowing that you were not _____ with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers

- The Christian life is counter _____ to all that the world teaches including how to be important and hold position.

The goal in Jesus' Kingdom is not to rule but to serve and greatness is characterized by intense _____.

IV. Ransom for many. **Matthew 20:28**

"No service is greater than to redeem sinners by his own death, no ministry is lowlier than to _____ in the stead of sinners." (Spurgeon)

Jesus did not leave His Glory in order to seek glory here on earth, but His Glory was the _____ at Calvary, as He unselfishly paid our ransom.

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

1. Discuss the look on Jesus' face and why it was different this time as He headed toward Jerusalem.
Mark 10:32, Isaiah 50:6-7, Luke 9:51
2. *What was the cup that Jesus said He must drink?*
Matthew 20:23, 26:39, Luke 22:42, Jeremiah 25:15-17, Revelation 16:19, Psalm 90:7
3. Read **Matthew 20:26**. Discuss the meaning of the Greek word for servant, *Diakonos* (**Strong's G1249**).
4. Since the nature of Christ's Kingdom is all about the King and Kingdom people are not to love the world, discuss the way the church should operate.
1 John 2:15-17, Matthew 20:27, Colossians 3:12, Ephesians 4:2, Ephesians 4:11-16, James 4:6, 1 Peter 1:17-19, Romans 12:9-13
5. Read **Matthew 20:28**. *What did Jesus ransom us from?*
Exodus 29:36, Romans 6:6, Hebrews 12:9-15, Psalm 49:7-8, 1 Timothy 2:5-6
6. Read **Ephesians 1:16-18** and discuss the following.
 - As a member of the Kingdom, our calling is a gift from the King.
Ephesians 2:10
 - As a member of the Kingdom, I am called for the King's purposes. **Romans 8:28**
 - The King decided my calling before I was even born.
Isaiah 44:24, Isaiah 49:15, Psalm 71:6, Jeremiah 1:5.
 - Our calling from the King is directly connected to serving Him and others. **1 Peter 4:10**
 - There are heavenly rewards for those who allow the King to work in and through them to fulfill His calling.
1 Corinthians 3:11-14