

The Surprising Path to Greatness

Mark 10:32-45

- I. I will suffer: Jesus predicts His suffering and resurrection (Mark 10:32-34)
 - A. Jesus moved on to Jerusalem despite threats to his life (32).
 - B. Jesus specifically predicted that he would suffer, be crucified and be raised on the 3rd day (33-34).
 - C. The disciples did not grasp what He said (Luke 18:34).

- II. You will suffer: James and John asked for greatness, but Jesus only promises suffering (Mark 10:35-40).
 - A. James and John (and mother – Matt. 20:20) asked to sit next to Jesus in His kingdom (34-37).
 - B. Jesus could not grant them greatness, but instead predicts their suffering (38-40; Acts 12:2; Revelation 1:9).

- III. Greatness comes through serving – which can lead to suffering (Mark 10:41-45).
 - A. The other disciples resent the brothers' request (41).
 - B. Jesus says that unlike the world, the disciples must pursue true greatness through serving (42-43).
 - C. Jesus would model greatness through serving as He gave His life for us (44-45).