



# FILLING A SEAT OR FOLLOWING THE SAVIOR?

Matthew 20:20-28

## FILLING A SEAT?

Vss. 20-21 Mom's ambition for her sons

“Grant that one of these two sons...”

The ambition wasn't all hers

“Let one of us sit at your right and the other...”

See Mark 10:35-45

# NOT JUST ANY SEATS

Seats to the right and the left of the King were places of honor, power and authority.

Status.

They wanted status.

They wanted to be in a position of having servants of their own.

VSS. 22-23

“You will indeed drink from My cup...”

Consider Matt. 26:39

See also Matt. 16:24 “If anyone come after me...”

James – for the sake of Christ - died by the sword (Acts 12:2), while John later suffered torture and was exiled (Rev. 1:9)

# VS. 24 RIGHTEOUS INDIGNATION?

Apparently not

Consider Luke 22:24-27

Even at the Last Supper, an argument broke about who among them was the greatest

## VSS. 25-28 FOLLOWING THE SAVIOR

We are not of this world, where men and women chase after the positions of honor and authority.

Want to be great in the Kingdom? Serve  
Want to be first? Become a slave.

That's the life to which Jesus called us

# NOTABLE EXAMPLES

John the Baptist - John 3:30

The Apostle Paul – Rom. 1:1; Gal. 1:10; Titus 1:1

Christ himself – Phil. 2:1-11

# THE GOAL

Eph. 4:11-13, 16

Our responsibility to the rest of the Body is clear (“as each part does its work”)

For how long?

“until we all become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.”