

# MATTHEW

February 5, 2023  
Matthew 20:17-28

## READ

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Mark 10:32-45

Luke 18:31-34

## QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. What is the importance/significance of Jesus' announcement to His disciples (vv. 17-19)?
2. How is this received by the disciples (Luke 18:34)?

For what reason(s) could this be the case? (Consider two reactions from Peter: Matthew 16:21-23; 26:51-54. Also take into account the incident which follows in light of 19:28.)

3. How does the mother of \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ approach Jesus (v. 20)?

What is her purpose (v. 21) and why make such a request?

4. Note that, grammatically, she makes a demand of Jesus more so than a request (imperative mood: a command). Who is she that she can be so brazen? (Compare Matthew 27:56 & Mark 15:40 & John 19:25.)

How does this change your conception of the makeup of the disciples?

5. What is suggested by the figure of speech "to drink the cup" (v. 22) and how does this

specifically apply to the disciples (v. 23)?

6. Who is responsible for “seating arrangements” in the kingdom (v. 23)? (Why not Jesus?)

7. Account for the reaction of the other ten disciples (v. 24). What is behind this?

8. How are the disciples to re-think & re-imagine their leadership role (vv. 25-27)?

Kingdom status is not based on the seating arrangement to come, but the \_\_\_\_\_ arrangement that is now.

9. How does Jesus Himself emulate this new order (v. 28)?

Identify (1) the mission of Christ’s ministry (what & why) and (2) the means of Christ’s ministry (how).

What does it mean to you that Jesus Christ came to give His life as a **ransom** for you?

### **PERSONAL RESPONSE**

I will fix my attention on the Lord this week by . . .

I will follow the Lord’s example this week by . . .