

SELFLESS

— SACRIFICE —

Sunday Morning, June 1, 2025 » Pastor Josiah Kagin

Message Title: A Selfless Sacrifice

Message Text: Mark 10:32-45

Introduction:

If you were aware of a threat on your life in a particular city or place, would you go there? The obvious answer is, “No!” Yet, this is exactly what our Savior did. As He neared the end of His three years of earthly ministry in the regions of Judea, Samaria and Galilee, He set His face toward Jerusalem. He willingly traveled there fully aware of what the religious community in coordination with political leaders would do to Him—they would crucify Him. Let’s remind ourselves today of the our Savior’s willingness to sacrifice His life as a ransom for sinners like us. May His example inspire our love for Him and sacrificial service toward one another.

1. Christ’s Selfless _____ (32-34)

Mark 10:32–34 And they were in the way going up to Jerusalem; and Jesus went before them: and they were amazed; and as they followed, they were afraid. And he took again the twelve, and began to tell them what things should happen unto him, 33 Saying, Behold, we go up* to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be delivered unto the chief priests, and unto the scribes; and they shall condemn him to death, and shall deliver him to the Gentiles: 34 And they shall mock him, and shall scourge him, and shall spit upon him, and shall kill him: and the third day he shall rise again.*

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NOTE — Christ deliberately* made His journey to Jerusalem where He would be put to death.

Luke 18:31 Then he took unto him the twelve, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished. (See also Psalm 22 and Isaiah 53)

Luke 18:34 And they understood none of these things: and this saying was hid from them, neither knew they the things which were spoken.

NOTE — Christ had already told the disciples about His death three times before. (See Mark 8:31; 9:13; 9:31)

2. The Disciples Self-Centered _____

(35-41)

Mark 10:35-41 And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, come unto him, saying, Master, we would that thou shouldest do for us whatsoever we shall desire. 36 And he said unto them, What would ye that I should do for you? 37 They said unto him, Grant unto us that we may sit, one on thy right hand, and the other on thy left hand, in thy glory. 38 But Jesus said unto them, Ye know not what ye ask: can ye drink of the cup that I drink of? and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? 39 And they said unto him, We can. And Jesus said unto them, Ye shall indeed drink of the cup that I drink of; and with the baptism that I am baptized withal shall ye be baptized: 40 But to sit on my right hand and on my left hand is not mine to give; but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared. 41 And when the ten heard it, they began to be much displeased with James and John.

DEFINITION—WOULD: We wish, we want.

NOTE — They wanted Christ to bind Himself to their desires before giving their request. According to Matthew's account, their mother participated in the request.

Matthew 20:20 Then came to him the mother of Zebedee's children with her sons, worshipping him, and desiring a certain thing of him.

QUOTE: That dream brushed aside all the talk of Jesus about his death and resurrection as mere pessimism. —Wuest

Matthew 19:28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

NOTE — Their request was for the seats of prominence and honor.
_____ is often preoccupied with prominence and position.

Jeremiah 45:5 And seekest thou great things for thyself? seek them not...

QUOTE: They had not yet learned the lesson that the cross must come before the crown, that suffering comes before glory. —Wiersbe

Proverbs 13:10 Only by pride cometh contention...

3. Christ's Self-Sacrificial _____ (42-45)

Mark 10:42 But Jesus called them to him, and saith unto them, Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them.

DEFINITION—LORDSHIP: dominate, exercise complete control over as master.

DEFINITION—AUTHORITY: sovereign power; as a dictator

Mark 10:43-44 But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister: 44 And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all.

DEFINITION—MINISTER: an attendant; someone who waits on the needs of another.

DEFINITION—SERVANT: slave; one who is legally owned by someone else who's entire livelihood and purpose is determined by their master.

NOTE — The salvation of sinful man was Christ's priority.

Mark 10:45 For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Philippians 2:5–7 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

Conclusion

Romans 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.



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