

JOCKEYING FOR POSITION
MARK 10:35-40 & MATT. 20:20-23 / 12:14-16 WED

I. FIRST, THERE WAS A REQUEST--Mark 10:35-37.

- A. They were asking for three things.
 - 1. First, preeminence.
 - 2. Second, proximity.
 - 3. Third, power.

- B. What made them think Jesus would grant their request?
 - 1. Salome may have been Jesus' aunt.
 - 2. They were claiming the promise about thrones.
 - 3. To beat the other disciples to the punch.

- C. They never grasped that Jesus' kingdom was spiritual.

II. SECOND, THERE WAS A RESPONSE.

- A. Jesus responded to their request in two ways.
 - 1. Jesus told them they didn't understand what they were asking--10:38a.
 - 2. Jesus asked them an important question--10:38b.
 - a. "Cup" was used as a symbol for joy or wrath--Psa. 16:5;Ps. 75:8.
 - b. "Baptism" used as a symbol for calamity--Job 22:11; Luke 12:50.

- B. Their response was naive--10:39a.

III. THIRD, THERE WAS A REVELATION.

- A. Jesus tells them they will experience his suffering--10:39b.

- B. Jesus last response was that their request wasn't his to grant--10:40; John 3:27.