

Sacrificial Service Veterans Day 2018

Mark 10:45

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Veterans Day was originally called Armistice Day, commemorating the end of World War I.

World War I officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919. However, the fighting ended about seven months before that when the Allies and Germany put into effect an armistice on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. **Thank you**

Mark 10:45 For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to **serve**, and to **give** his life as a ransom for many."

This is the Key **Soteriological** verse in Mark's Gospel! Jesus here gives His own example of selfless service for others. He reveals His true mission as The Messiah. That His Surfacial Service is to ransom many. As His Sacrifice on The Cross will pay the price for the sins of the entire world!

John 3:16... He **sets the pattern** all of His people are **commanded** to follow.

I. **The Prominence** of Sacrificial Service (45a)

For **even** the Son of Man came not to be served...

- **His Humility** The word "**even**" reminds us of **Who** Jesus is. He is the Son of God. He is God in the flesh. He is The Messiah. If anyone who ever walked on this earth should have been served it should have been Jesus.

- **His Restriction (45a)** the Son of Man came **not to be served**

What precipitated Jesus making this statement?

Mark 9:33-35 And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" ³⁴ But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about **who was the greatest.** ³⁵ And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he **must be last of all and servant of all.**"

If our God is willing to serve sinful humanity, we should be willing to serve as well. Some people think they are too good to serve others. Jesus Christ never thought that! He got down into the mud with fallen man so that He could lift him out and change his condition. May God give us that same heart to serve!

II. The Passion of Sacrificial Service (45b) but to **serve...**

- **Diakoneo - Meaning:** to be a servant,

The **Lord's Passion** to serve was such that He willingly took the place of a slave. The greatest example of that can be seen the night before He went to the cross.

When Jesus and His disciples finished their meal in the upper room, Jesus **put a towel around His waist** and washed His disciple's feet, **John 13:1-17**. He took the **place of a slave** and washed the dirty feet of the men who would run away before dawn.

He washed the feet of Peter who would deny Him three times before dawn. He even washed the feet of Judas Iscariot who would betray Him that very night

Jesus freely served those who would **break His heart**. When the next day dawned, Jesus performed the greatest service of all when **He willingly went to Calvary** to die on the cross for sinners who hated Him and wanted nothing to do with Him.

Service was His passion. Service was His life. May that same passion grip our hearts! May we freely take the place of slaves and serve others for the glory of God alone!

III. The Price of Sacrificial Service (45) and to give his life as a ransom for many."

John 15:12 "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

The cost of service for Jesus was extremely high. It cost Him His very life.

➤ **Why did He do it?**

- **He did it because** He loves us, **Rom. 5:8**.
- **He did it because** He hates sin, **Heb. 9:26**.
- **He did it to satisfy** God's demand for a perfect human sacrifice, **1 John 2:2**.
- **He did it to please** the Father, **Isa, 53:10**.
- **He did it to set** us free, **1 Pet. 1:18-19**.

What is His reward for this kind of service? It won't be found among men. The majority of humanity hates the name of Jesus and cares nothing for His service or His sacrifice. His reward won't be found in the church. Most churches and most so-called Christians have no understanding of Who Jesus is or what He did.

Our Lord's reward will be found in two places.

- **First**, His reward is in the changed lives of men and women who receive Him as their Savior and live out His love in the world, **Heb. 12:2**.
- His greatest reward is found in the face of the Father. Because Jesus served humanity so selflessly, God has promoted Him to the pinnacle of glory and worship, **Phil 2:5-11**.

How did Jesus arrive at such an exalted place? It isn't because He is God! He is there because He took the place of a slave. He is there because He willingly chose the lowest place of all and God elevated Him to the highest place of all.

While you and I will never reach the same place Jesus occupies, the same principle that caused Him to be exalted is at work in your life and mine. Here is what Jesus said, **Luke 18:14** I tell you... For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

The Word of God also says, **1 Peter 5:6** Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you,

It is a paradox, but it is true nonetheless, for the Christian **the way up is always down**.

Is that the path you are walking?
Are you actively seeking ways to serve others?
We have places of ministry in this church where you can serve, are you serving in them?

There are people all around us who need to know about Jesus, are you telling them? There are needs on every hand, are you seeking to meet them? Are you being a servant of God by selflessly serving others? If the Lord has touched your heart about your service, today would be a **good day to enlist**.

If you have never trusted Jesus as your Savior, today would be a good day to bow before Him and receive Him as your Lord. He will receive you, change you and use you for His glory.

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