

HOW TO BE GREAT IN HIS KINGDOM
JESUS INSTRUCTS HIS DISCIPLES CONCERNING TRUE GREATNESS
USING HIMSELF AS THE PERFECT EXAMPLE
Matthew 20:17-28

- I. ***If you wish to be great...REALIZE THE WORLDS VIEW OF GREATNESS IS TOTALLY OPPOSITE GOD'S VIEW:*** Jesus uses James and Johns ignorant request for greatness to reveal they are not to have the worlds mindset **(17-26)**
 - A. **Jesus gives a fitting reminder of His imminent suffering,** death and resurrection to set the scene **(17-19)**

 - B. **Jesus uses James' and John's grand request to reveal the disciples have a sinful worldly mindset concerning greatness (20-26)**
 - 1) An ignorant request and sobering answer (21-23)

 - 2) A telling response (24)

 - 3) A righteous lesson and exhortation (25-26a)

- II. ***If you wish to be great...BE A HUMBLE OBEDIENT KINGDOM SERVANT LIKE CHRIST WAS:*** Jesus reveals the mindset of the truly great, exemplified by His own obedient serving unto death **(26b-28)**
 - A. **In contrast to how the world thinks, Jesus reveals true greatness comes in the context of humble obedient servant hood (26b-27)**

 - B **Jesus' glorious example reiterated: He came to serve not be served and to give His life as a ransom for many (28)**