

EASTER – A Place Called Home
Pastor Harlyn – 4.9.2023
Mark 10:32-45 (NIV)

“You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless, until they find their rest in You.” - Augustine

Mark 10:32-34 “They were on their way up to Jerusalem, with Jesus leading the way, and the disciples were astonished, while those who followed were afraid. Again he took the Twelve aside and told them what was going to happen to him. ³³ ‘We are going up to Jerusalem,’ He said, ‘and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn Him to death and will hand Him over to the Gentiles, ³⁴ who will mock Him and spit on Him, flog Him and kill Him. Three days later He will rise.’

Mark 10:35-41 “Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him. ‘Teacher,’ they said, ‘we want You to do for us whatever we ask.’ ³⁶ ‘What do you want Me to do for you?’ He asked. ³⁷ They replied, ‘Let one of us sit at Your right and the other at Your left in Your glory.’ ³⁸ ‘You don’t know what you are asking,’ Jesus said. ‘Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?’ ³⁹ ‘We can,’ they answered. Jesus said to them, ‘You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, ⁴⁰ but to sit at My right or left is not for Me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared.’ ⁴¹ When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John.”

Mark 10:42-45 “Jesus called them together and said, ‘You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ⁴³ Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.’”

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LOOK IN:

1. How do you react when you read of Jesus repeatedly instructing His followers that He must die and rise again?
2. What are your expectations about your place in God’s Kingdom?
3. Do you believe you’re fit for God’s Kingdom? Why or why not?

4. Have you ever made a request of God and somehow, deep inside, you knew you weren't ready for the challenge? What was that experience like?
5. How does the idea that God ransomed you make you feel? Grateful? Confused? Frustrated? And why do you think you feel the way you do? And why do you think you feel the way you do?

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