

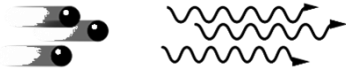
HIS SACRIFICE:

BOTH UNIQUE AND EXAMPLE



MARK 10: 32-52 ¹

- particle or wave



UNIQUE: Jesus gave his life as a ransom for us

(with the Twelve)

- unique suffering Son of Man (vv. 32-34) ²

(with the Two: James & John)

- unique redeeming ransom (vv. 35-45) ³

(with Bartimaeus)

- unique merciful Messiah (vv. 46-52) ⁴

EXAMPLE: Jesus gave his life as an example for us

(with the Twelve)

- rocky road (vv. 32-34) ⁵

(with the Two: James & John)

- costly service (vv. 35-45) ⁶

(with Bartimaeus)

- following disciple (vv. 46-52)

¹ In the New Testament, **Mark 8-10** is the most sustained and specific teaching on discipleship.

² **Isaiah 50:7**; for the first and seminal messianic use of "Son of Man" in the Bible see **Daniel 7:13-14**.

³ In **vv.38-39**, drinking a cup with someone speaks of sharing in that person's fate. And the "cup" metaphor was a common picture of God's wrath in judgment (**Psalm 75:8; Isaiah 51:17-23; Jeremiah 25:15-17; Ezekiel 23:28-34**).

The baptism metaphor pictured being immersed or overwhelmed by suffering or death (the floodwaters of **Genesis 6; Psalm 42:7; 69:1-2, 15; Isaiah 43:2**).

⁴ The messianic title "**Son of David**" (**10:47-48**) looks back to God's promise to David in **2 Samuel 7:12-16**. Solomon was the immediate and partial fulfillment of this prophecy. Jesus would be the final climactic fulfillment!

⁵ The earliest Christians were simply called "the Way" (*hē hodos* meaning the pathway or road)(**Acts 9:2; 19:9, 23; 22:4; 24:14, 22; Matthew 7:14; Hebrews 12:1**).

⁶ **Philippians 2:3-7**

Mark 10:32-52

³² 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."

The Request of James and John

³⁵ 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. ⁴² 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."

Blind Bartimaeus Receives His Sight

⁴⁶ Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means "son of Timaeus"), was sitting by the roadside begging. ⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

⁴⁸ Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

⁴⁹ Jesus stopped and said, "Call him."

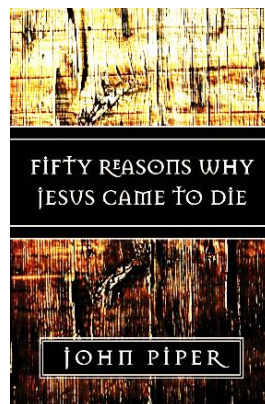
So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you." ⁵⁰ Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.

⁵¹ "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him.

The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see."

⁵² "Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

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In 2004, coinciding with the movie, The Passion of the Christ, John Piper strategically released a book called, The Passion of Jesus Christ. He wrote it because the movie quite accurately depicted that Jesus died, but the New Testament tells us why. Piper's little book has since been retitled and features 50 two-page descriptions of why Jesus came to die. Two of them relate to today's passage:

- 1) To Become a Ransom for Many, and
- 2) To Call us to Follow His Example of Lowliness & Costly Love.

I encourage you to buy a copy and glory in the Cross.

Pastor Bill