



Discussion Questions on the Sunday School Lesson, The Jerusalem Road, for Sunday, March 4.

1. Why is Jerusalem the subject of this lesson?
2. How account for the disciples' understanding Christ better?
3. When is ambition right and when is it wrong?
4. What constitutes true greatness?
5. What does today's lesson teach about heaven?

Clericus Says:

Clericus says: "The stature of one's greatness as a Christian is determined by one's service in the name of Christ. His life, from beginning to end, was busied with the ministry of love for his fellow man. We who are his followers can do no less than give ourselves, increasingly, unto a ministry of love in behalf of others if we would follow in his steps."

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Creamed Comments On S.S. Lesson

Creamed Comments on the Sunday School Lesson, The Jerusalem Road, Mark 10: 35-45, for Sunday, March 4.

In this lesson we have the disclosure of the thinking of the disciples and of their lack of the real spirit of Christ: Jesus instructed them by calling attention to their prepared people on the way there. But there was much to go into the preparation of these disciples as there is much to go into our preparation.

V. 35. "And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came unto him, saying, Master, we would that thou shouldst do for us whatsoever we shall desire." This general question was a blank check for what they wanted. If the motive was that they wanted to be near the Lord, that would not have been so bad; but if they wanted honor, then it was too bad.

V. 36. "And he said unto them, What would ye that I should do for you?" Jesus answered their question by a question; he would not commit himself. Jesus reserves the right to judge our requests before answering.

V. 37. "They said unto him, Grant unto us that we may sit, one on thy right hand, and the other on thy left hand, in thy glory." Evidently these two disciples still clung to the idea that Jesus was to have an earthly glory; they lacked spiritual understanding as yet. They did not realize that if there was no cross, there could be no crown.

V. 38. "And Jesus said unto them, Ye know not what ye ask; can ye drink of the cup that I drink of? and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" Jesus used the word "cup" in the sense of suffering, and his special baptism was by fire, persecution, crucifixion. The hardest lesson to learn is the meaning of suffering.

V. 39. "And they said unto him, We can. And Jesus said unto them, Ye shall indeed drink of the cup that I drink of and with the baptism that I am baptized withal shall ye be baptized." Here is the historic answer: James, the brother of Jesus, and James, the son of Zebedee, preach and are killed by mobs in Jerusalem. Matthew is slain on a sword in Ethiopia, Phillip is hanged in Phrygia, Bartholomew, Flayed

alive in Armenia. Andrew is crucified in Armenia, Thomas is run through with a lance in East India; Thaddeus is shot to death with arrows; a cross goes up in Persia for Simon, the zealot; and another in Rome for Peter. Matthias is beheaded; only John escaped a martyr's grave.

V. 40. "But to sit on my right hand and on my left is not mine to give; but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared." Jesus, before the cross, was not in position to answer their request. The prepared place to come in for the prepared people on the way there.

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V. 41. "And when the ten heard it, they began to be much displeased with Jesus and John." Why they were displeased is conjecture. But all the disciples needed to be taught the basic principles of kingdom service. It is principles rather than detailed teachings as rules that are to govern Christian living.

V. 42. "But Jesus called them to him and saith unto them, Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them and their greatest ones exercise authority over them." The earthly conception of nobility is that those in authority should be served by those whom they rule. All too often such rulers are not fitted for the office they hold and are tyrannical in their treatment of those to be ruled.

V. 43. "But so shall it not be among you but whatsoever will be great among you shall be your minister." In Christ's kingdom all are on the level. He will be the most distinguished that shows the most humility, the deepest sense of his unworthiness, and the most earnest desire to promote the welfare of others.

V. 44. "And whosoever among you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all." The common good and the glory of God are open territory for ambition and superiority.

V. 45. "For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister and to give his ransom for many." Christ is the example of his own teaching.

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denomination's Sunday school literature. His sermon theme will be "The Lift of the Cross."

Mission Band with Mrs. F. H. Willard as leader, will be held during the hour of worship. Mrs. Ladoyt Miller will complete the telling of the book "The Busy Berrys" and slides describing the visit of two American children to Japan will be shown.

Evening service, 7 p.m. The film "Barabbas, the Robber" will be shown. The film is appropriate for the Lenten Season and members of the Lenten and members of the Lenten and members of the church are urged to see it.

The Commission on Finance will meet on Tuesday evening at 6:45.

The Council of Administration will meet on Tuesday evening at 7:30.

The Quarterly Conference will convene for a brief meeting on Tuesday evening following the meeting of the council.

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