

# The Request Jesus Refused To Answer

MARK 10:35-45

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Intro. **A.** We are often told that God will give us anything that we want.

1. This is a part of the heretical "Prosperity Gospel."
2. Paul did say, Phil. 4:6 - "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God".
3. This is seen by some as a "blank check".

**B.** James and John made a request to Jesus.

Vs. 35 1. "desire" = ἐπιθυμία = a longing, yearning, denotes inward passion and mental desire.

2. "... We want you to grant us a special Request."
3. Their mother was involved in this Request.

**C.** The reply of Jesus.

- Vs. 36
1. "What would ye that I should do for you"?
  2. "What do you want me to do"?

## I. James And John Specify Their Request.

Vs. 37 **A.** "They said unto him, Grant unto us... = δίδωμι to give, present, to give freely unforced, to yield, commit

1. "that we may sit, ~~one~~ on thy right hand, and the other on thy left hand.

2. "... in thy glory".

3. Why this request? They had been with Him on the mount of transfiguration. 9:1-10.

4. They knew that seeing Him on the mount had something to do with His statement about rising from the dead. Vs. 31, 9:10

43<sup>a</sup> 5. Jesus places a negative on this.



**B.** The ideal attitude.

Vs. 43b 1. "... whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister". δίακονος = "an attendant," "waiter at a table" "to give service to another"

This is not a capital "M"!

Vs. 44 2. "And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all".

3. "Chiefest" = πρῶτος = the first, foremost

4. "servant" = δοῦλος = a slave, one bound to serve, one whose will and abilities are wholly at the service of another.

**C.** The mission and example of Jesus.

Vs. 45 1. Jesus did not come to be waited on by slaves and flunkies. He came to serve God.

2. "Ransom" = λύτρον = "the price paid for letting loose or setting free".