Jesus Asks Two Questions

Matthew 20:20-34

Intro:

A. **In these scriptures Jesus asks two questions.**
   1. What wilt thou? The mother. **V.21**
   2. What will ye that I shall do unto you? Two blind men. **V.32**

B. **They are asked of two different persons.**
   1. One, a mother, thinking of her sons.
   2. One by two blind men for themselves.

C. **Each received a different answer.**
   1. Jesus could not grant one request.
   2. He gave immediate answer to one.

I. **The Request Of A Mother.**

A. **“Then came to him the mother...”**
   1. “She came worshipping...” **V.20**
   2. She came with her two sons, James and John.
   3. She came seeking advantage for them.
   4. She did not comprehend the enormity of her request.

B. **Jesus answers her.**
   1. “Are ye able...”? (Do you have the power) **v.22**
   2. “We are able...” (The two sons answered)
   3. These positions will be occupied by those for whom God has prepared them.
   4. prepared = ἐτοιμαζω = “to make ready”

C. **The reaction of the 10.**
   1. They heard it.
   2. indignation = ἀγανακτεω = “to feel a violent irritation”

E. **The explanation of Jesus.**
   1. dominion = κατακυριευω = “to lord it against or over anyone.” **V.25**
   2. authority= κατεξουσιαζω = “to use excessive or arbitrary authority”
3. minister = διωκός = "a servant," "an attendant," "waiter at a table."  V.26
4. chief = πρῶτος = "the first"  V.27
5. Jesus is the example.  V.28
6. ransom = λυτρόν = "the price paid for letting loose or setting free."

II. The Request Of Two Blind Men.

A. "...they cried out"
1. They sat by the way side.  V.30
2. They heard that Jesus passed by.
3. "Have mercy on us, O Lord..."
4. They, "cried the more."  V.31

B. Jesus questions them.
1. "What will ye that I shall do unto you?"  V.32
2. "That our eyes may be opened."  V.33

C. Their request granted.
1. Jesus had compassion.  V.34
2. compassion = ὀπλαγχυνιζομαι = "to feel the bowels yearn," "to pity"
3. immediately= ὁθέω = "at once"
4. "they followed him"

III. What Would Your Request Be?

A. What wilt thou?