

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 = ετοιμαζω = "to make ready"
- C. **The reaction of the 10.**
 - 1. They heard it.
 - 2. indignation = αγανακτηω = "to feel a violent irritation"
- E. **The explanation of Jesus.**
 - 1. dominion = κατακυριεω = "to lord it against or over anyone." **V.25**
 - 2. authority = καταξουσιαζω = "to use excessive or arbitrary authority"

3. minister = διακονος = "a servant", "an attendant," "waiter at a table." **V.26**
4. chief = πρωτος = "the first" **v.27**
5. Jesus is the example. **V.28**
6. ransom = λυτρον = "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 = οπλαγχνιζομαι = "to feel the bowels yearn," "to pity"
3. immediately= ευθεως = "at once"
4. "they followed him"

III. What Would Your Request Be?

A. **What wilt thou?**

