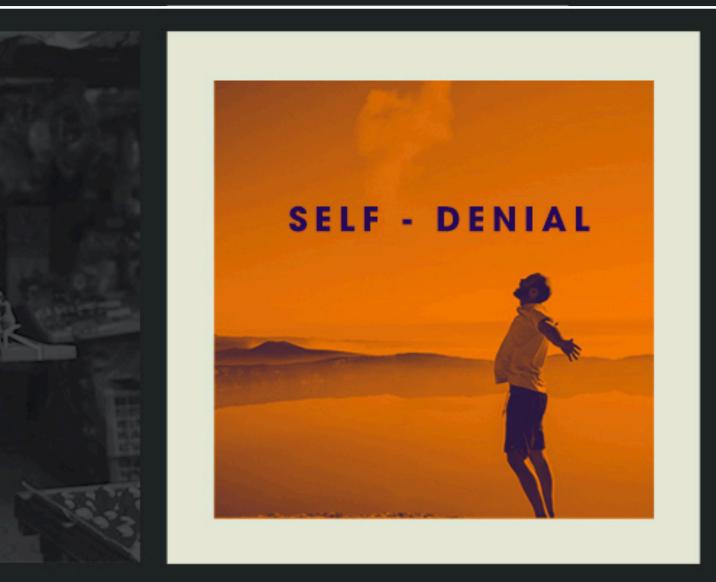




# Cross Path to Greatness Matthew 20:20-28 PART 3

WEEK 3



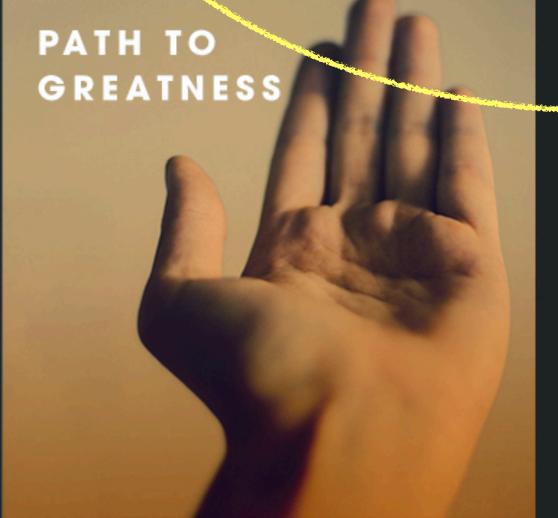
WEEK 1

Self-denial
Following Jesus demands self-denial.



WEEK 2

Hard Truth
Following Jesus means holding on to Him
even when I'm offended by the truth.

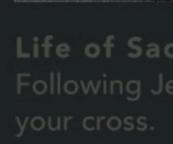


Path to Greatness
Following Jesus means serving
and not being served.



WEEK 4

Facing Troubles
Following Jesus involves troubles
and suffering.









# WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT GREATNESS?

HOW DOES GREATNESS LOOK LIKE IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD?

MATTHEW 20:20-28













### Matthew 20:20-28 ESV

Then **the mother of the sons of Zebedee** came up to him with her sons, and kneeling before him she asked him for something. And he said to her, "What do you want?" She said to him, "Say that these two sons of mine are to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom."









### Matthew 20:22-28 ESV

"Jesus answered, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am to drink?" They said to him, "We are able." "He said to them, "You will drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father."







### Matthew 5:38-39 ESV

"You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.'

"But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also.







### Matthew 5:43-44 ESV

""You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'

"But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,



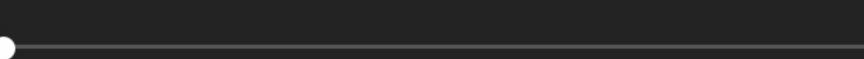






# HOW DOES GREATNESS LOOK LIKE IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD?













### Matthew 20:20-28 ESV

<sup>20</sup> Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came up to him with her sons, and kneeling before him she asked him for something.

### WHO? BACKGROUND WHAT?











### **Matthew 27:55-56 ESV**

55 There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him, a mong whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee."











### Mark I5:40 ESV

"There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome."









# **John 19:25 ESV**

"....but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene."











# THE MISCONCEPTION OF GREATNESS PERCEIVED BY THE WORLD









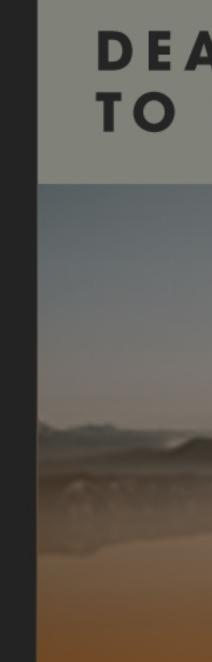






# THE MISCONCEPTION

**GREATNESS IS** POWER | POSITION | POSSESSION















# HOW DOES GREATNESS LOOK LIKE IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD?

3 AREAS













# PATH TO GREATNESS

# I. IDENTITY

WHO DEFINES YOU?













### Matthew 20:22-23 ESV

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### Matthew 20:23-24 ESV

"He said to them, "You will drink my cup, **but** to sit at my right hand and at my left is not mine to grant, **but it is** for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father."

"And **when the ten heard it**, they were **indignant** at the two brothers.







# THE ONLY PERSON WHO CAN DEFINE YOU IS THE ONE WHO DESIGNED YOU!









# YOUR IDENTITY IS NOT DEFINED BY WHAT YOU DO BUT IS BY THE ONE WHO DESIGNED YOU.











# HOW DOES GREATNESS LOOK LIKE IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD?















PATH TO GREATNESS

# 2. SIGNIFICANCE?

WHERE DO YOU OBTAIN YOUR SIGNIFICANCE?















### Matthew 20:25-27 ESV

But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.







# Matthew 20:26-27 ESV all shall not be so among you.

But whoever would be **great** among you **must be your servant**, and whoever would be **frst** among you **must be your slave**,







### What is a "servant"?

• In Gk "diakonos" it means hired to maintain another person's home and property.

### What is a "slave"?

• In Gk "doulos" it means one who is forced into service. .











# Kingdom of this world

- Power, Position, Possession
- Temporal Achievement
- To Please men

# Kingdom of God

- Posture (servanthood)
- Eternal Treasures
- To Please God











# HOW DOES GREATNESS LOOK LIKE IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD?













# YOUR IDENTITY IS NOT DEFINED BY WHAT YOU DO BUT IS BY THE ONE WHO DESIGNED YOU.









# YOUR SIGNIFICANCE IS NOT DETERMINED BY WHO IS GREAT OR FIRST BUT BY HOW YOU SERVE OTHERS











PATH TO GREATNESS

3. VALUE?

HOW DO YOU DETERMINE YOUR VALUE?













### Matthew 20:28 ESV

"even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."



"RANSOM" in Gk = "lutron"

: literally, the ransom-money (price) to free a slave; the ultimate "liberty-price" — the blood of Christ which purchases (ransoms) believers, freeing them from all slavery (bondage) to sin











# Capture of Richard the Lionheart, 1192

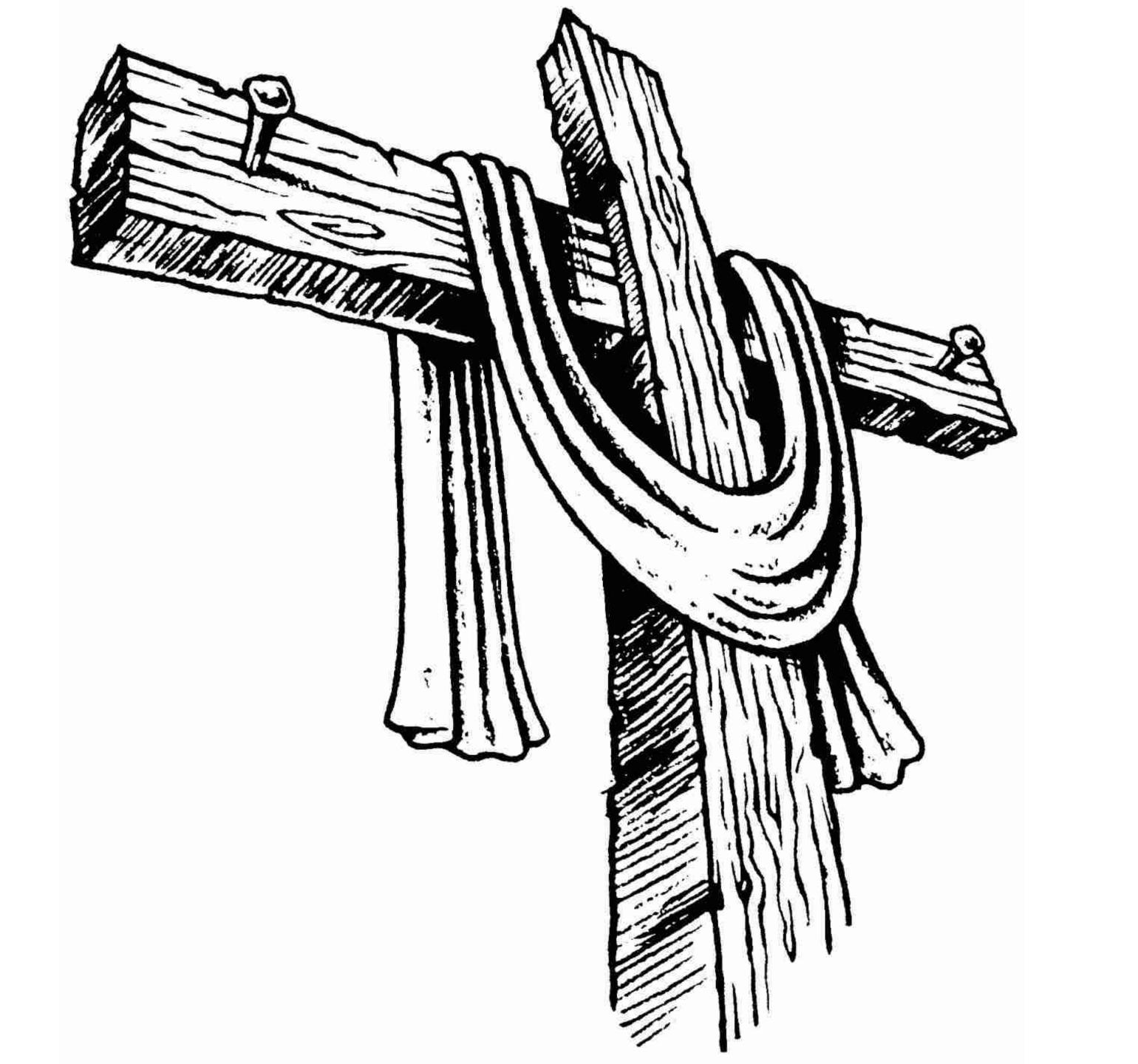
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### **DESCRIPTION:**

While trying to return to England after the Third Crusade bad weather forced Richard's ship to put in at Corfu. Disguised as a Knight Templar, Richard the Lionheart sailed from Corfu with four attendants, but his ship was wrecked near Aquileia, forcing Richard and his party into a dangerous land route through central Europe. On his way to the territory of his brother-in-law Henry the Lion, Richard was captured shortly before Christmas 1192 near Vienna by Leopold V, Duke of Austria, who accused Richard of arranging the murder of his

CREDIT:



# YOUR VALUE IS DETERMINED BY HOW MUCH SOME ONE IS WILLING TO PAY











# HOW DOES GREATNESS LOOK LIKE IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD?















PATH TO GREATNESS

# I. IDENTITY 2. SIGNIFICANCE 3. VALUE



























