

Only Servants Become Great **Mark 10:32-45**

Prediction of death, 9:32-34

The 3rd repetition of this sequence still doesn't take, Lk. 18:31-34.

Mark 8:31-10:52
ON THE WAY TO JERUSALEM

Three Passion / Resurrection Predictions

Prediction by Jesus:	Reaction by disciples:	Lesson on discipleship:
8:31	8:32-33	8:34-38
9:30,31	9:32	9:33-37
10:32-34	10:35-41	10:42-45

Petition for powerful positions, 35-41

- ◆ James and John stoop to nepotism for a huge favor, see Matt. 20:20,21 (Salome, 15:40,41, 16:1, Matt. 25:55,56, Jn. 19:25).
- ◆ Do we sometimes “. . . not really know what we are asking”?
Jesus predicts eventual success to naïvely optimistic brothers.
- ◆ James and John's power play predictably upsets the other 10.

Paradox of greatness through servanthood, 42-45

- ◆ Why didn't Jesus condemn this repeated focus on greatness?
Matt. 5:11,19, 19:28, 24:45-57, Lk. 19:17-19, II Tim. 2:12, Rev. 3:21
- ◆ Contrast: Gentile greatness vs. greatness in God's kingdom.
Paradox given yet again—aiming high requires stooping low!
- ◆ What's so neat about kingdom greatness? 2x = *whoever*
- ◆ This paradox was illustrated and lived out in the greatest way possible! See Phil. 2:5-11. If you memorize but one verse in Mark, let it be 10:45. It is the thematic verse for the book!