



MARK 10:32-52

CONTEXT



1. Kingdom split and instability (931-586 BC).
2. Babylonian conquest and captivity (586-538 BC).
3. Persian rule: dispersion and vulnerability (538-331 BC).
4. Greek rule: power struggle (331-311 BC).
5. Egyptian rule: taxes (311-198 BC).
6. Syrian rule: oppression (198-142 BC).
7. Hasmoneans: in-fighting and instability (142-63 BC).
8. Jerusalem comes under Roman control (63 BC).

CONTEXT



See, O Lord, and raise up for them their king, the son of David, at the time which you chose, O God, to rule over Israel your servant. And gird him with strength to shatter in pieces unrighteous rulers, to purify Jerusalem from the Gentiles that trample her down in destruction; in wisdom of righteousness, to drive out sinners from the inheritance, to smash the arrogance of the sinner like a potter's vessel; to shatter all their substance with an iron rod, to destroy the lawless Gentiles by the word of his mouth.

Psalm of Solomon 17:21-24

WE WANT . . . (10:32-41)



1. Recognition.
2. Power.
3. Security and stability.

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Tim Keller, *Jesus the King*

IF YOU WANT . . . (10:42-44)



The World:

- Dictatorial
- Authoritarian
- Cannot Last

IF YOU WANT . . . (10:42-44)



“People think they want the Kingdom of God, but what they actually want is their world as it is but with power.”

Russell Moore

IF YOU WANT . . . (10:42-44)



The World:

- Dictatorial
- Authoritarian
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The Kingdom of God:

- Servant
- Slave
- Cannot Die

“I WANT TO SEE” (10:46-52)



1. No one is healed of blindness in the OT.
2. Posture of the heart: strength or weakness?
3. What does your heart desire?



“The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

~ Jesus (Mk 10:45)



Small Group Discussion Questions
(Mark 10:32-52)
October 20, 2016

Allow each person in your group to answer one of the following questions:

- *What did you learn this week from the reading or the speaker?*
 - *What are you going to do about it?*
 - *Who are you going to tell?*
1. When faced with the disciples' inability to understand the upside-down nature of Jesus' kingdom, it's sometimes easy for us to shake our heads and wonder why they don't get it. But, as Tim Keller reminds us, "[W]hen we read this, we're not supposed to say, 'How can these fools keep missing it?' We're supposed to be saying, 'What are we missing right now?'" What are some ways the Lord is working in your life that are easy to miss? Why do you think it's easy for us to miss what God is doing in and around you?
 2. Why do you think Jesus pushes people to humility and service, and why are those things so hard for us to grasp? Why do you think they came so naturally to Jesus?
 3. Given Jesus' example as the suffering servant, what do you think it means to be great in His kingdom? How does that differ from the world's definition of greatness? What are some areas of your life God has transformed to reflect His greatness? Where are you still holding on to the world's definition of greatness?
 4. Jesus' life, death, and resurrection are the ransom that frees us from the power of sin and death. Have you come to a point in your life when you have begun to follow Jesus by placing your faith in Him alone to save you? If so, discuss what this has meant for you and the tangible changes that following Jesus has produced in your life. If not, consider the love of God, that He would give His Son as a ransom for you, and respond freely in faith. "Now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation." (2 Corinthians 6:2, NIV)
 5. Spend time as a group praying for Jesus' eyes to see the world and people the way He does.