

Conformed to the Image of Christ: Christ's Servanthood

- **“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”** (Mark 10:44-45)
- “It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. **Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end... so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist.** ⁵ After that, he poured water into a basin and **began to wash his disciples’ feet**, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.” (John 13:1-5)



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“Everyone enjoys being served, but few enjoy making the effort to serve others. People often don’t mind being called servants, but they do mind being treated as servants. Mature followers of Jesus are marked by what they will do for others without expecting anything in return.” *Leroy Eims, The Navigators*

I) Context of (Mark 10:45)!

- **Non-believers in this world serve themselves!** “Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ⁴³ **Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant,** ⁴⁴ **and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all.”** (Mark 10:41-44)
- **Two disciples wanted to be the greatest, to sit next to Jesus!** Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. “Teacher,” they said, “we want you to do for us whatever we ask.” “What do you want me to do for you?” he asked. They replied, “Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.” (Mark 10:35-37) Ref: (Matthew 20:20-21) Their mother!

□ **They missed the point of Christ's baptism (immersion of affliction, judgement and suffering)!** “You don't know what you are asking,” Jesus said. “Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?” ³⁹ “We can,” they answered. Jesus said to them, “You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared.” (Mark 10:38-40) Ref: Third prediction of His death and resurrection. (Mark 10:32-34)

II) Learning from (Mark 10:45) About Being A Servant!

- **Jesus is the “Son of Man” next to the “Ancient of Days” in Daniel’s vision!** “In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a **son of man**, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the **Ancient of Days** and was led into his presence. (Daniel 7:13) Ref: (Daniel 7:9,10,14) “For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? **But I am among you as one who serves.**” (Luke 22:27)

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- **Jesus gave Himself as a “ransom for many”!** What is the meaning of “ransom”? In Hebrews “**lytron**” (2 occurrences) means the price paid for slaves, for the ransom of life, to liberate many from captivity, misery, and penalty of sin. It is about the giving up of life to give life to many! It is about falling to the ground and dying, so that many will live! It is about trading one’s life for many others so that they will benefit! (Ex) Came as a man, lived humbly among men... as a carpenter, misunderstood, mistreated, and killed by His own.