



Christ's Example of True Leadership and Greatness Matthew 20:17-28; Mark 10:32-45; John 13:1-17

- 1) True greatness entails submitting to God, obeying Him even unto death (20:17-19)
 - a) Jesus obediently came to earth to become sin on man's behalf (2 Cor. 5:21)
 - b) Jesus was willing to be humiliated for man's salvation and God's glory
 - c) Jesus fulfilled God's plan, and in His perfect time gave up His life for mankind
 - d) Jesus proved Himself God by fulfilling the prophecies about Himself
- 2) True greatness entails serving God's people, not ruling over them (20-28)
 - a) Those who desire power over others cannot call themselves "ministers"
 - b) God the Father has prepared a place next to Jesus for those who are humble
 - c) Jesus washed feet and waited on tables as a show of greatness (John 13; Luke 22)
 - d) Jesus gave His life away as a ransom in order that man might gain eternal life
- 3) Man's problem is that he is selfish, desiring to rule over rather than be ruled over
 - a) Preoccupied with self, using political power plays to gain advantage
 - b) Desires to lead or dominate as a form of self-fulfillment
- 4) God's solution is to provide the perfect One to follow, so we don't need to lead
 - a) Let Christ lead you, and others will follow
 - b) When those who follow you reach their end, make certain it is Jesus they see
 - c) Let God use your love and dedication to Him to lead others to Him
 - d) Lenski: "God's great men don't sit on top of lesser men, they bear them on their backs."