

Class Structure

04/02/23

- 1: Lords Prayer English & Greek**
- 2: Gospel Reading, discussion and explanation**
- 3: St Mary of Egypt**
- 4: Read the Creed until learned by memory Greek & English**
- 5: Play Cross of Christ game**

1: Lords Prayer English & Greek *(Pray with class)*

2: Gospel Reading, discussion and explanation

The Gospel for 04/02/2023

(Get a Student to Read) Ask who wants to read the Gospel

Mark 10:32-45 *(New King James Version)*

Jesus a Third Time Predicts His Death and Resurrection

32 Now they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going before them; and they were amazed. And as they followed they were afraid. Then He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them the things that would happen to Him:

33 “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles;

We see in this instance Christ tells his disciples how He will die and that he is going to Jerusalem to die. He even says how he will die, that the chief priests and scribes will condemn him and give Him to Pilate who was a Roman sent by the Romans to Judea as governor. He doesn't tell that it will be his will to die for us or that it will done by the cross.

34 and they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again.”

Greatness Is Serving

35 Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, “Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask.”

James and John realized they had a special place in Jesus’s heart. James was a brother of Christ through marriage, and John, the youngest of the apostles, was loved by Christ so much that he let John rest his head on his breast at the last supper, as seen in the icons and the Bible. Because Christ loved them, they tough it was a good time task to be on his right and left in his glory. They thought Jesus was going to Jerusalem to enter his kingdom and rule there, not die. They did not

understand what he had been telling them he was going to die. They believed all the trials were over, and Christ was ready to rule. They thought this was their time to ask, so they asked

36 And He said to them, “What do you want Me to do for you?”

37 They said to Him, “Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory.”

Here the sons of Zebedee were looking for glory and asked to be glorified on his right and left. They seek the treasure to be with Christ in his kingdom. The way to this glory is by being humble and dying to our sins with Christ.

38 But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?”

Here he asks are you ready? It's time for struggles, contests, toils, sweat, wrestling rings, and battles. The cup talked about is humility and suffering. The baptism he spoke of was his death and resurrection so the whole world would receive purification. Not knowing what Jesus was talking about, they said they were ready. When baptized, we die to our old selves and arise new in Christ. In Christ's baptism of the cross, he died in his earthly body and then rose on the third day showing us the things to come for us. So when we are baptized in Christ, we live in humility, not seeking the glory as these two apostles but walking with Christ daily.

39 They said to Him, “We are able.”

So Jesus said to them, “You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized;

40 but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but *it is for those* for whom it is prepared.”

41 And when the ten heard *it*, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John.

42 But Jesus called them to *Himself* and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.

43 Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant.

44 And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all.

As they said, "We are able." Jesus confirms by saying, "You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism, I am baptized with you will be baptized," speaking of the cup and baptism described earlier. Then he warns them of the pride that crept into the Church. He tells them **whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all.** We see how the western church separated from the eastern, and splitting the church because of pride of wanting to be first in glory was a like a foreshadowing, a warning from Christ of what was to come. When Christ humbled himself, no one knew him except the angels. After he humbled himself to the point of dying on the cross, the whole human race knew him. His humility was our example to follow.

45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

Through Christ's humility, he shared our punishment but not our sin. He became our redemption because he sets us free from sin and raises us to life in Him.

According to St John Chrysostom, this Gospel teaches us not to ask for privilege in the kingdom without readiness to die for it. We saw that James and John did not know what they were asking would be to die with Christ. Did they think it would be without a cost? St Augustine said that only through humbling ourselves will we be able to come into the glory of the Lord. When Christ was incarnated as fully God and fully human, he let himself be martyred for our salvation on the cross, which at that time was a curse. We saw Christ die, then three days later rose effortlessly. We need to follow his example as he was baptized, so are we to be baptized and die to our old life of sin, and through our love for the Father and the Son, we live a new life through the Holy Spirit. By keeping Christ's command which he stated in **Mark 12:30-31**, which says **"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."** Let us strive to carry out these commandments by martyring ourselves to sin a living for God.

3: St Mary of Egypt - Nothing written Just talk about her life.

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5: Play Cross of Christ game If you have extra time