

Jesus the Servant

Serving God

Foundation

Bible passage : Matthew 20:25-28

In previous units we have looked at the idea of Service in the Bible, how God commanded people to serve Him, but also promised someone called “My Servant”.

The New Testament reveals that The Servant is the Lord Jesus Christ. Matthew, one of the disciples, wrote *“Jesus, aware of this, withdrew from there. And many followed Him, and He healed them all, and ordered them not to make Him known. This was to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: Behold, my servant whom I have chosen, my beloved with whom my soul is well pleased.”* (Mtt 12:15-18)

When Jesus came people were amazed by His teaching and miracles, but we also read about His compassion and service.

Another disciple, John, tells us how on the night before Jesus was crucified, He washed their feet, acting like their servant, much to their embarrassment. John also wrote about what would happen the next day, in Jesus’ greatest act of service, which was His death, about which Jesus had told them beforehand.

In Matthew chapter 20, we read how John, his brother James, and other disciples had been arguing about who as the greatest amongst them. Jesus used the opportunity to teach them about what His disciples should be like.

Matthew recalled “Jesus called (the twelve) to him and said, ‘You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones

One of many children’s books about how and why Jesus came as a servant.



exercise authority over them. It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.’ ” (Mtt 20:25-28)

Jesus, “the Son of Man”, was telling them what would happen, how He would die and why. It was only afterwards that the disciples eventually understood. He “came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”

A ransom is something paid, to set people free. Jesus’ death would set people free from sin, from death and from the fear of God’s judgment.

Jesus called people to believe and trust in Him and that is still how people become disciples today. Through Him and His death, people can know God’s forgiveness and have a sure hope for the future, forever.

Jesus “came not to be served but to serve
and give His life as a ransom for many”
Mtt 20:28



**Jesus said He came to serve,
to give His life that those who
trust in Him can be forgiven
and have a sure hope forever.**