

Opening Eyes to See the Cross:
The Way of the Cross for Us
Mark 9:30-37

Question: What does true greatness look like?

I. The Second Prediction of the Cross to His Disciples (30-32)

II. Teaching on True Greatness (33-37)

- A. The Question that goes Unanswered (33-34)
- B. The Radical Re-orientation of Greatness (35)
- C. The Visual Illustration that Makes the Point (36-37)

Point to Ponder: Truth be told, do you desire to do great things; or do you simply resign yourself to the notion that great things are not possible for the likes of someone like you? If we measure greatness like the world, then we would likely be correct to think we could never do great things. Yet when we look at the counter-cultural way in which Jesus defines greatness, suddenly greatness is not a matter of unrivaled skill, or privileged position – it is only a matter of a willingness to serve in His name even those not considered great by the standards of the world. So, are you up for doing great things?

A Note to Parents: Please know that the children and youth who leave the service during the sermon are looking at the same passage we will consider each week. We hope that you will initiate a conversation with them about this portion of God's Word.

Next Week: Next Sunday we will continue our mini-series out of the Gospel of Mark entitled *Opening Eyes to See the Cross* by looking at **Mark 10:32-10:45** *A Ransom for Many*.

