



This is how we know we are in him: Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did. 1 John 2:5b-6
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DOWN versus UP

Mark 9:1-50—five stories of Jesus in action

1. The Transfiguration (vs.2-13)
2. Jesus heals a boy with an evil spirit (vs. 14-32)
3. Jesus teaches a lesson on who's the greatest (vs.33-37)
4. Jesus teaches a lesson on who is on God's side(vs.38-41)
5. Jesus teaches on the consequences of causing another to sin (vs.42-50)

Mark 9:33-35 & 10:35-45: Background

- The disciples still don't get it (Jesus' Mission as Messiah)
- The disciples still believe in Jesus

Theme: Self-serving Disciples in contrast to the Self-sacrificing Savior

Mark 9:33 They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?"

Mark 9:34 But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.

Mark 9:35 Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all."

Mark 10:35,36 ³⁵ Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask." ³⁶ "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked.

Mark 10:37 They replied, “Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.”

Mark 10:38 “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?”

Mark 10:39 “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,

Mark 10:40 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 10:41 When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John.

Mark 10:42 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.

Mark 10:43 Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant,

Mark 10:44 and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all.

Mark 10:45 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.”

The Way UP is Down: Philippians 2:5-11

Action Step # 11: Be A Servant

Practical Steps to Servant Hood

Step 1: Understand your need for The Savior

Step 2: Humble yourself by confessing and repenting of your sin

Step 3: Surrender completely to God by letting go and letting God lead your life

Step 4: Embrace the fact you’ve been called to be a servant

Step 5: Seek God’s will and live it out by His grace and by the power of the Holy Spirit

Step 6: Start with small action steps and build on them—see a need, meet it