

King and Messiah Week 26 (Matthew 20)

Matthew 20:28 says, “Even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Why is it so unexpected for a king to serve his people?

Read Matthew 20:1-16 - Jesus Serves Generously

What is the main point of Jesus’ parable?

What does the parable teach us about the generosity of God?

Read John 1:16. We have a life changing amount of grace and mercy at our disposal. Out of His fullness, God gives. In other words, it’s unrelenting, unending. If you picture his grace as your checking account, you have more than you could ever spend - it’s overflowing. Yet, we tend to live paycheck to paycheck on his grace. Instead of living as spiritual paupers, how can we live richly and vibrantly in the knowledge of the wealth of blessings we have in Christ?

Read Matthew 20:17-19 - Jesus Serves Sacrificially

This is the third time Jesus predicts his death and resurrection in the book of Matthew and the disciples still seem unprepared when it eventually takes place. Why do you think the disciples had such a hard time comprehending what Jesus was predicting?

Going Deeper: How could you answer if someone were to ask: Why did Jesus have to die? Why couldn’t God just forgive us all?

Read Matthew 20:20-28 - Jesus Serves As Our Example

Go back and review Chapters 18 through 20. Based on Jesus’ teaching and the surrounding stories, why does the request in verse 21 seem really out of place?

What do you think ‘the cup’ refers to?

Where does Jesus direct his disciples NOT to look for an example?

Read Ephesians 5:1-2. How do we imitate God?

Read Matthew 20:29-34 - Jesus Serves With Extravagant Mercy

What could the blind men do to heal themselves?

How does this story illustrate some of the main points from the last several chapters?

Other observations/questions/reflections on the text: