

**Problem:**

-Read Matthew 20:17-28

-Notice that the problem is not the desire for greatness.

-Whatever we do, let us not criticize the disciples in their desire for greatness. Their dreams of greatness were foolish and immature but they were not wrong. Christ did not criticize their desire, He showed them the right path to its fulfillment.

In other words, It is not wrong to desire greatness it is wrong to not know what greatness is or how it is won. Knowing what greatness is allows you to pursue it with everything you have got.

-Read: 1 Cor 9:24-27.

-How does Paul's illustration here prove this point?

**Text:**

**Becoming the last (Matthew 20:17-19)**

-Read Matthew 19:30 and 20:16. The context is about status in the Kingdom being different than statues here and now. Jesus then describes His journey towards being last.

-Read Luke 9:51; Isaiah 50:6-7.

-How do these verses color this passage regarding the journey towards Jerusalem?

-What did Jesus understand that these did not?

-Read Isaiah 9:2-7 and 52:13-53:12.

-How does this reflect on the title: Son of Man?

-How does this designation make His journey towards Jerusalem and the cross that much more shocking?

-Why were the disciples not more shocked by this prediction?

**...So about that crown? (Matthew 20:20-21)**

-Matthew had redacted His death two times previous to this (Matthew 16:21 and 17:22-23).

-Based on their concern here what was their focus in the midst of these predictions?

-Read Matthew 19:27-29 for the answer.

-How does this reflect your thinking as well?

**You do not know what you are asking (Matthew 20:22-23)**

-When Jesus replies He does so in the plural "you," where earlier in verse 21 he used the singular, why?

-Read Mark 10:35 to find out.

-Our whole passage is summed up in Luke 18:34. How does this sum up what is going on?

-Read: Matthew 26:39, 42 and Isaiah 51:17.

-What was the cup that Jesus was referring to?

-Read: Acts 12:2 and Revelation 1:9.

-How did James and John drink the cup as well?

-Read Matthew 27:38. Compare this with their request. How does this reflect on our passage?

-Read Luke 23:39-43. How does this illustrate last week's message (Matthew 19:30-20:16)?

**Greatness comes through service and slavery (Matthew 20:24-28)**

-Jesus again uses the Son of Man title for Himself in reference to His coming to serve.

-Read: Daniel 7:13-14. Based on this text what is ironic about this?

-Read: Galatians 3:13 and 2 Corinthians 5:21. Based on these verses how did Jesus serve us in the act of redemption?

-Read: Matthew 16:24-27; 18:1-4; 23:11. Do you think the disciples eventually got it?

Read: Revelation 1:1; James 1:1; 2 Peter 1:1; Jude 1; Philippians 1:1. The words used is in every case the word for slave.

***Main Idea:***

**Greatness is not won wearing a crown of gold, it is won wearing a crown of thorns.**

***Implication:***

So what does greatness look like?

-Read: Acts 6:1-6

-Who was stephan?

-What was his role?

-Read: Acts 7:51-60

-What does slavery for the cause of God look like?

-How does Jesus standing reflect sporting events?

-How does this help to define greatness?

Stephan may motivate us but what motivated him?

-Read: Hebrews 12:1-2

-who is our ultimate example?

-How does our text inspire us to greatness?

Read: Philippians 2:1-11.

-How does this text encapsulate everything discussed so far?

-What is the practical application of all of this?

*let us strive to do more than serve- let us strive to BE servants and to BE slaves of the cause of Christ.*

**Current service opportunities at Barabbas Road (March 2014) \*All service opportunities will take a sacrifice of some kind.**

**Prayer-** Be a powerful part of Sunday's sermon. Each week someone prays for Matt as he preaches, this opportunity should not be missed. You are given a prayer list to help you. Sign up here [https://docs.google.com/a/whoisbarabbas.com/spreadsheet/lv?key=0AgMU6LoAwm0odEYxNTY2aDZuSFI3bIN6ejVscWk0ZEE&usp=drive\\_web](https://docs.google.com/a/whoisbarabbas.com/spreadsheet/lv?key=0AgMU6LoAwm0odEYxNTY2aDZuSFI3bIN6ejVscWk0ZEE&usp=drive_web)  
Or contact Jason Wight 858-472-0673, [jwightenator@gmail.com](mailto:jwightenator@gmail.com)

**Food-** When a baby is born the family could often use a little help, a great way for you to help out is to sign up for Meal Train. Meal Train is a way to coordinate a family with folks who are willing to bring them a meal or supply them with a gift card so they can order delivery. Almost nobody serves in this ministry. Sign up here for the Schott family or email Cheryl Palocheck to learn about other families [joepops@cox.net](mailto:joepops@cox.net) <http://www.mealtrain.com/?id=mqlwm9ae0cht>

**Children's Church-** Our mission is to make disciple-making disciples through the personal investment of our lives. Children's church is an exceptional way to do that. Your impact will last an eternity. There are a manifold of ways to serve, you can do classroom and hallway setup and break down, work the check in desk, or be a helper or a teacher. Contact Rob Denton for more info 858-722-8402, [rob@whoisbarabbas.com](mailto:rob@whoisbarabbas.com) or attended the Children's Church meeting Monday March 31<sup>st</sup> at 7pm at the ministry center.

**Tech-** We live in an electrically powered world, sights, sounds, info and connections are all made through the power of electricity. If electrically powered things make you happy then you might consider serving on the tech team. Some areas this team covers are Sunday sound and

lighting, web info and outreach and design. Contact Brett Schoeneck for more info  
858-342-2908 [brett@whoisbarabbas.com](mailto:brett@whoisbarabbas.com)

**Music-** What you see is who we are. The local church (BRC) is made up of individuals that form the body and it is no different with music, we will not hire out our music, so the musicians who are willing to serve are the musicians that we have, no more no less. When you see two people on Sunday morning that means only two people were able to be there. Or when you see five that means five folks could make it. The goal for the musicians at BRC is to help the congregation sing. There are two areas then for service, one and the bigger of the two is for the congregation to get to church before it starts and then to sing out loud together unto the Lord. The second area of service is for those who have training in singing or instrument playing, if you want to help the congregation sing then contact Brett Schoeneck for more info  
858-342-2908

**Missions-** Over 1 billion people in India are on the path of destruction. Be a part of changing their course, this fall we plan on heading back to India for evangelism outreach. Some things you'll need, 1) be born again 2)\$3,000 so start saving 3) At least 1 week off from work 4)Passport 5) satisfy church interview process. Tentative date is the first week in October, summer is rainy season so it is not possible to reach our desired area of service in the summer months. Contact Paul Rochford for more info [paul@whoisbarabbas.com](mailto:paul@whoisbarabbas.com), 760-216-9081

**Sunday Setup-** We rent a public middle school that needs to function as a church. That means we transform the campus into a church every week and then turn it back into a jr high when we leave, this takes effort and could always use more hands. Each person that serves is a valuable part of the team. Contact Paul Rochford to get connected [paul@whoisbarabbas.com](mailto:paul@whoisbarabbas.com), 760-216-9081

**Other areas of service, office cleaning, soccer goal setup and break down, washing soccer shirts, being a 242 leader, driving folks around, Sudanese refuge assistance, contact Paul Rochford for any of these.**

Here is our church link with most of the same info

<http://www.barabbasroadchurch.com/ministries.php>

Here is a great message to also listen to regarding service outside the church as well:

[http://www.barabbasroadchurch.com/m\\_godinabox.php](http://www.barabbasroadchurch.com/m_godinabox.php)