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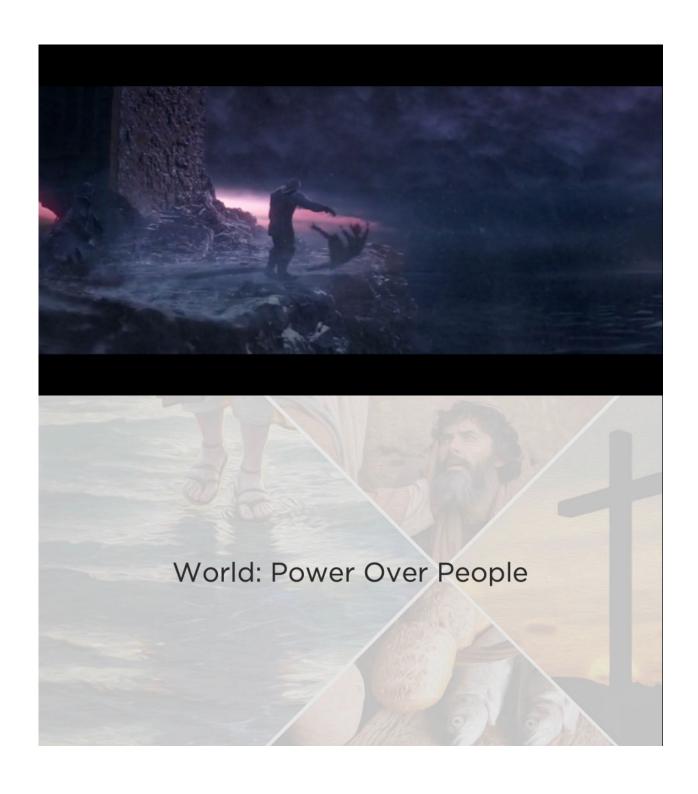
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Mark 10:45

1. What does his death mean? a. What his followers (sort of) understood "And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid."

Mark 10:32

b. What it doesn't mean



c. What it does mean

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ransom = price paid to redeem slave for = in the place of

The self-sacrifice of God

"See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles.

"And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise."

Mark 10:33-34

"What thou, my Lord, hast suffered Was all for sinners' gain; Mine, mine was the transgression, But thine the deadly pain."

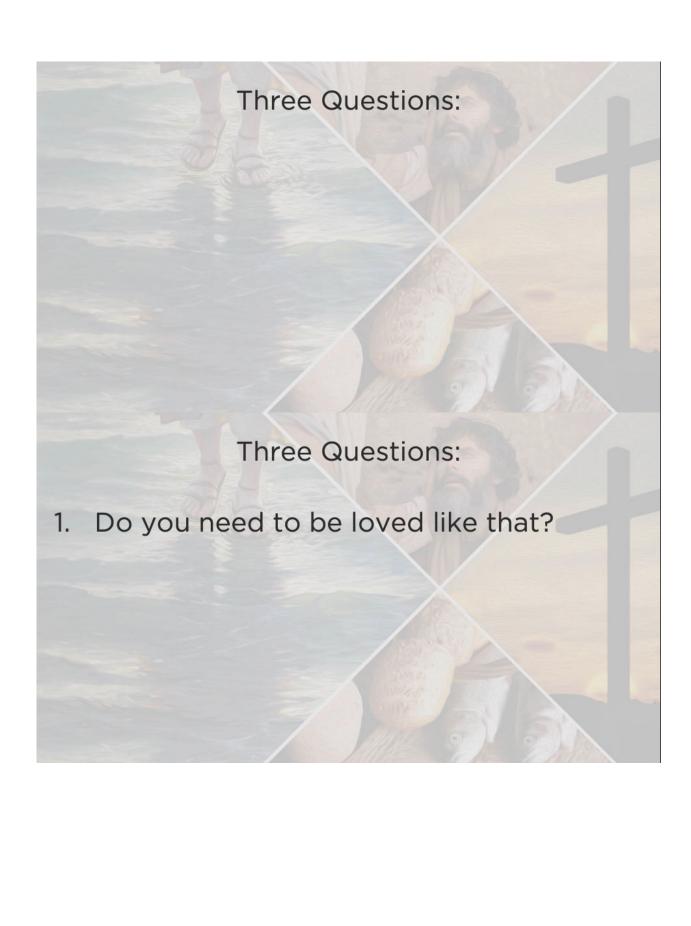
O Sacred Head, Now Wounded 13th century hymn "Your mother died to save you. If there is one thing Voldemort cannot understand, it is love.

"He didn't realize that love as powerful as your mother's for you leaves its own mark. Not a scar, no visible sign

"To have been loved so deeply, even though the person who loved us is gone, will give us some protection forever

[Voldemort] "full of hatred, greed, and ambition ... could not touch you for this reason. It was agony to touch a person marked by something so good."

Lily Potter

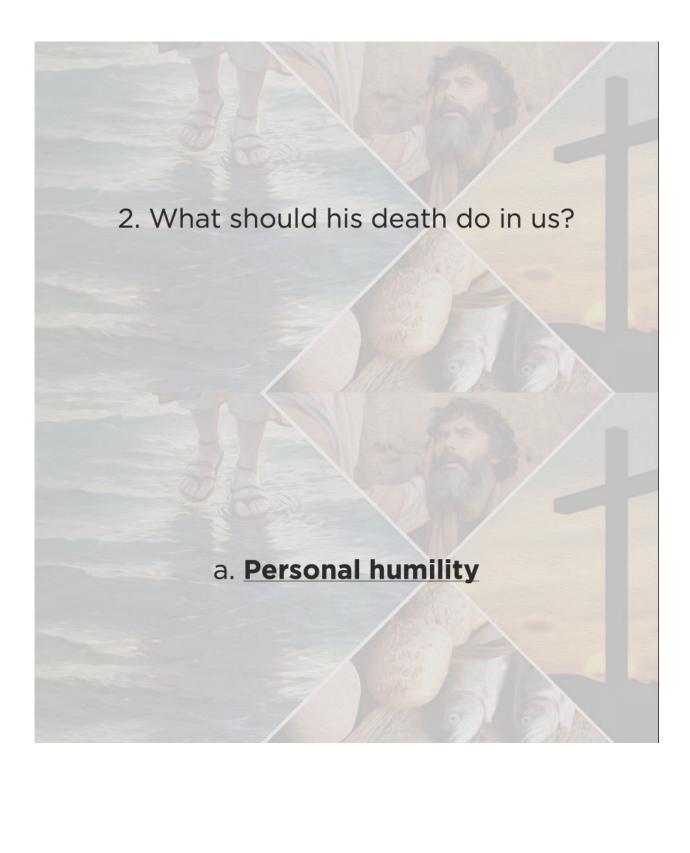


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- 3. Can we admit that we have a <u>cosmic</u> <u>slavery</u> problem?



"And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you."

Mark 10:35

"And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory."

Mark 10:37

You're going to drink a cup of suffering and be baptized with pain. b. Public humility

"And Jesus called them to him and said to them, 'You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you."

Mark 10:42, 43a

c. Relational humility

"But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Mark 10:43b-44

 If you're a follower of Jesus, this is not optional. "And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, 'If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.'

"For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. "For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?"

Mark 8:34

"He demands your life. All of it. He demands that you take on a life-style that sacrifices everything for the sake of serving others."

John Piper

2. He never calls us to do something he hasn't already done.

World: Power Over People

Jesus: People Over Power

3. Will you allow him to wash you, to serve you?

"This is hard. In fact, it is impossible. That's what Jesus said to the disciples when they said, 'Who then can be saved?' He said, 'With men it is impossible, but not with God; for all things are possible with God.'

"It is impossible to drink the cup of suffering. It is impossible to become everybody's servant. UNLESS ... The great UNLESS ... Unless the Son of Man is serving you day and night.

"Mark 10:45 is what turns Christianity into gospel. If Christianity were only a great and radical teacher calling for the sacrificial obedience of radical disciples, it would not be good news. It would be just another ideology.

"Another philosophy. Another moral improvement program ... This is the only way we can be saved from our sins, is if Jesus serves us. We can't be saved by serving Him.

"We need Him to do the saving work in our hearts. It's not just to the point of our salvation. It's every single day in our salvation.

"I think about waking up this morning. I've got so many needs in my life. I need wisdom in this or that area. I feel weak in this or that way. I am tempted in this or that way.

"I need help, and the whole point of why Jesus came is to say, 'I've come to help you.'

"I'm here in this world this morning as I'm thinking about all the needs in my life, and Jesus is saying, 'I'm gonna wait on you. I'm gonna serve you. I'm gonna provide you with the wisdom you need.'

"I'm gonna provide you with the strength you're gonna need in your weakness. I'm gonna enable you to resist temptation in this way or that way."

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