

Step Off the Platform
Matthew 20:17-28

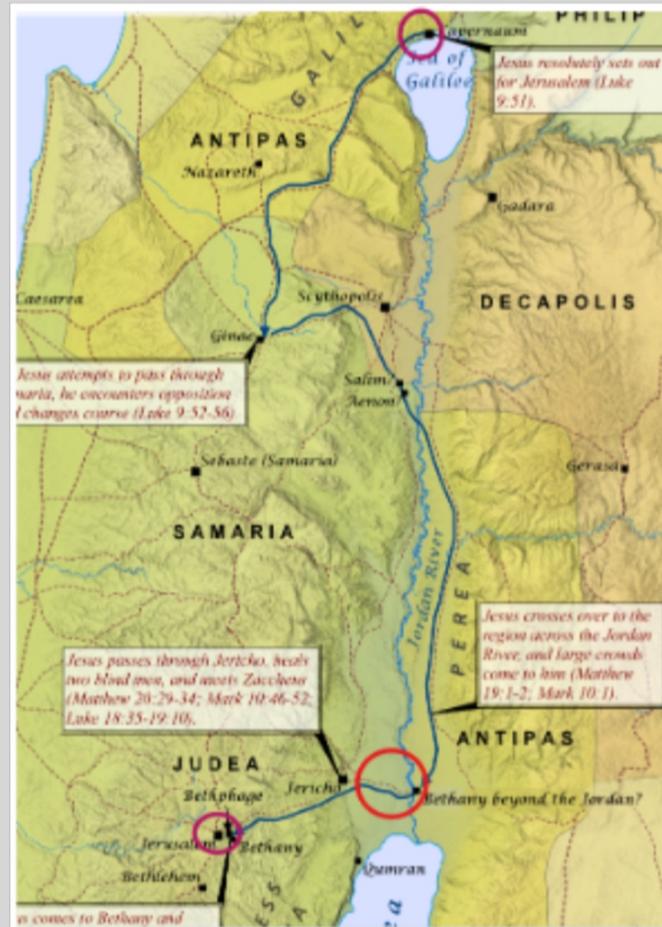
Main Idea:

In Jesus's kingdom, true greatness is measured by a willingness to **lay down your life for others.**



1. The resolve of Jesus (17-19)

“And as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside, and on the way he said to them, ‘See, we are going up to Jerusalem.’” (17)



“See, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and scribes,

“and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified, and he will be raised on the third day.” (18-19)

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1. The resolve of Jesus (17-19)
2. The **rivalry** of the disciples (20-27)

- An ambitious **request**

“Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came up to him with her sons, and kneeling before him she asked him for something.” (20)

“And he said to her, ‘What do you want?’ She said to him, ‘Say that these two sons of mine are to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.’” (21)

- An ambitious request
- A revealing **question**

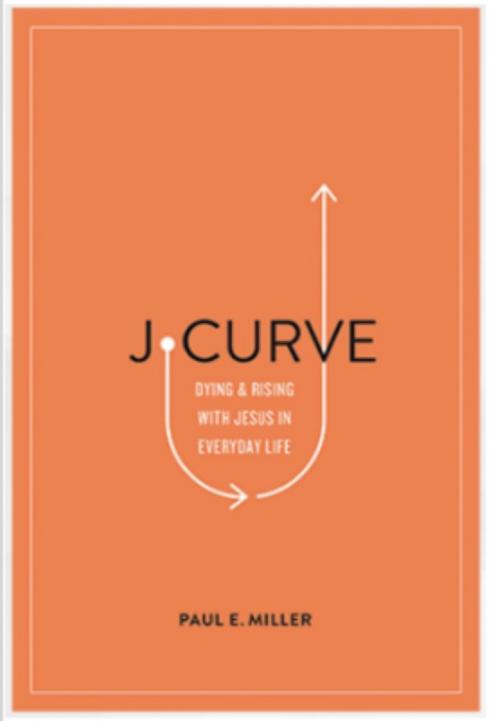
“Jesus answered, ‘You do not know what you are asking.’

“‘Are you able to drink the cup that I am to drink?’ They said to him, ‘We are able.’”

“He said to them, ‘You will drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.’” (22-23)

“Following Jesus means stepping down into suffering with him so that God can bring resurrection life through us.”

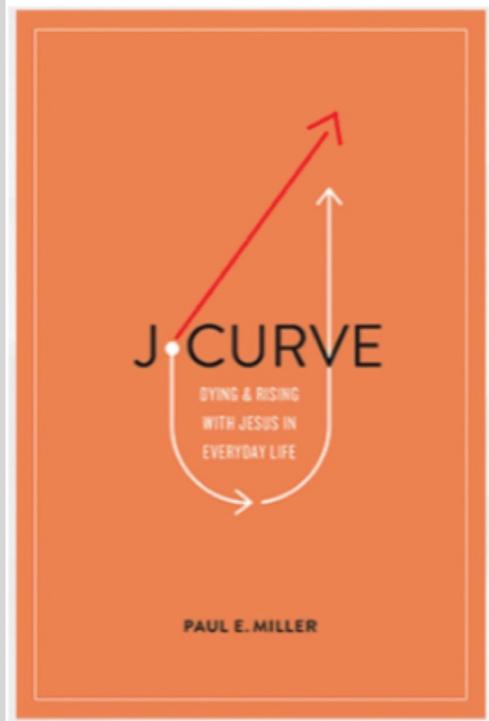
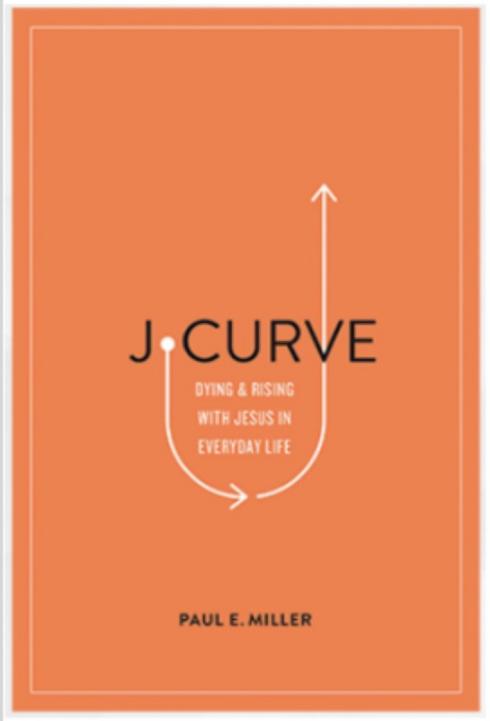
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- An ambitious request
- A revealing question
- The community **reaction**

“And when the ten heard it, they were indignant at the two brothers.” (24)

- An ambitious request
- A revealing question
- The community reaction
- The kingdom **reversal**

“But Jesus called them to him and said, ‘You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.’

“It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave,” (25-27)

True greatness is measured by a willingness to **lay down your life for others.**

1. The resolve of Jesus (17-19)
2. The rivalry of the disciples (20-27)
3. The **reason** Jesus came (28)

“Even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (28)

“He was despised and rejected by men,
a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

“Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.

“But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him
was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.

“All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of
us all.”

Isaiah 53:3-6

“The Christian explanation of Jesus being our substitute cannot be from God, because God is just. How is it fair that someone else dies for your sins? If you sin, you should die.”

Muslim friend

“For our sake he [God the Father] made him [Jesus] to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him [Jesus] we might become the righteousness of God.”

2 Corinthians 5:21



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“. . . because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

Romans 10:9

“Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;”

Isaiah 55:6

“Then Jesus told his disciples, ‘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 will
find it.”

Matthew 16:24-25

“And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”

Matthew 10:42

“If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet.”

John 13:14

How is God calling you to respond?