

Mark 10:32-45

**Theological Proposition/Focus:** The Son of God set aside his glory and honor humbly modeling suffering and service.

**Homiletical Proposition/Application:** The individual seeking to follow Christ must set aside their desire for self-glorification and instead follow Christ in humble service.

---

**Introduction:**

1. **Image:** The disappointing Christmas without a Harrier Jump Jet
  2. **Need:** We need to prioritize service over self in our Christian walk.
  3. **Subject:** Following Christ as a Suffering Servant
  4. **Text:** In Mark 10:32-45 we see a contrast between the world's jockeying for position and Christ's model of humble service.
  5. **Preview:** Within this passage we will see three problems in the disciples understanding: **Erroneous Expectation, Defective Desires, and Crippled Culture.**
- I. **Erroneous Expectations:** Contrary to the disciples' expectations, the King of Creation came to suffer and die (32-34).
    - a. The reality of the situation is that the world had rejected Jesus (32).
    - b. The plan of God was for Jesus to suffer, die, and rise again victorious (33-34).
    - c. **MTR:** Christians should be prepared to suffer for the sake of Christ.
  - II. **Defective Desires:** Contrary to the disciples' desires, the master and his disciples would suffer (35-40).
    - a. The taste of Christ's glory (raising of a little girl and transfiguration) led the disciples to make incorrect assumptions (35-37).
    - b. The way of the master is a path of suffering, and the glory of the master is a most unexpected glory (38-39, 1. Cor. 1:18).
    - c. **Illustration:** The story of King Midas death from starvation for his golden touch.
    - d. **MTR:** Christians should desire the things of Christ and his Kingdom rather than their own self-glorification.
  - III. **Crippled Culture:** Contrary to the disciples' culture, the Son of Man valued humble service not proud positioning (41-45).
    - a. The culture of the world is one of grabbing and holding power (41-42).
    - b. **Illustration:** Title Inflation, everyone needs a title.
    - c. The culture of the Kingdom of God is one of humble submission (43-45.)
    - d. **MTR:** Christian's should sacrificially serve in honor preferring one another.

**Conclusion:**

1. What erroneous expectations continue to disappoint you?
2. What defective desires do you need to get in check?
3. What aspects of our crippled culture do you continue to hold onto?
4. **Image: New look at the Harrier Jump Jet through this lens.**
5. **Key Question:** Who do you need to serve this week?