

29th Sunday of Ordinary Time
20th October 2024



The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for many.

Mark 10

Greatness comes with a price, and it is not always what we want it to be – so this week's Gospel teaches us.



Many people in today's celebrity-driven culture dream about being known and recognised. In Western culture, this competitive mindset is all around us; we celebrate the champion and pity the loser. We want to be best, first, regarded, and applauded.

James and John make this request of Jesus. James and John want to be regarded as some of the first rulers, the chief officials when Roman rule is overthrown. Jesus corrects their misunderstanding and ours as well.

If you want to be great, you need to follow Christ into passion and death. There is a temptation to want to be regarded and applauded. There is a temptation to want to be great. We know, at least on some level, that to be great brings suffering. We have to work at it and suffer disappointment and setback.

But discipleship isn't like that. Jesus tells us that greatness is found in the coming Kingdom, in getting to heaven. It looks different from earthly greatness.

We may seek greatness, but only the glory and greatness found in Christ and the Kingdom of God. We get to be a part of that Kingdom, but it looks much different from the kind of worldly success that James and John were seeking. It looks like the passion and death of Christ, but also, his resurrection. It is in that resurrection that we find true glory and true greatness.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord
is with thee, blessed art thou
amongst women and blessed is
the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary Mother of God, pray
for us sinners now and at the
hour of our death. Amen.



Creator God, in love You give life. In Your generosity You create the gifts of the earth. As daughters and sons of the same Father, may we learn to share the plentiful gifts of creation, especially with those most in need. Give us open hands and loving hearts, so that we take less and give more. We ask that all may benefit from Your goodness and share in the fullness of life You have promised. Amen.

This week let us pray for:

- ◆ our country and world as we continue to work for peace;
- ◆ those affected by the recent storms in America;
- ◆ all those connected to our community who are unwell, upset or mourning.



“The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for all that He, in His goodness, sends to us day after day.”

St. Gianna Molla