

THE BOOK OF MARK



UNEXPECTED
KING

“Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last,
and the servant of all.”

Or

“The first will be last, and the last will be first.”

The Unexpected Kingdom

	What was expected	What Jesus proclaimed
The King	A victorious military leader who defeats the Romans	A suffering servant who dies for his people
Followers of the King	Powerful leaders in the KOG.	Follow Jesus to their death

³⁰ They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were,
³¹ because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise."
³² **But they did not understand what he meant** and were afraid to ask him about it.

Mark 9:30-32 (NIV 2011)

¹⁶ And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure **forever** before me. **Your throne shall be established forever.**' "

2 Samuel 7:16 (ESV)

7 Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and **forevermore.**
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Isaiah 9:7 (ESV)

³³ They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the road?” ³⁴ But they kept quiet because on the way **they had argued about who was the greatest.**

³⁵ Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, **“Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.”** ...

Mark 9:33-37 (NIV 2011)

³⁶ He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

Mark 9:33-37 (NIV 2011)

35 Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said,
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the servant of all.”

Mark 9:35 (NIV 2011)

The true meaning of greatness:

- **Setting aside personal ambition.**
- **Welcoming the least of God's people.**

31 But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

Mark 10:31 (NIV 2011)

³² They were on their way up to Jerusalem, with Jesus leading the way, and the disciples were astonished, while those who followed were afraid. Again he took the Twelve aside and told them what was going to happen to him.

Mark 10:32 (NIV 2011)

³³ “We are going up to Jerusalem,” he said, “and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles, ³⁴ who will mock him and spit on him, flog him and kill him. Three days later he will rise.”

Mark 10:33-34 (NIV 2011)

35 Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask."

Mark 10:35 (NIV 2011)

36 “What do you want me to do for you?” he asked.

37 They replied, “Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.”

38 “You don’t know what you are asking,” Jesus said.

“Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?” ...

Mark 10:36-40 (NIV 2011)

39 "We can," they answered.
Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with,⁴⁰ but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared."

Mark 10:36-40 (NIV 2011)

⁴¹ When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. ⁴² Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ⁴³ **Not so with you.** Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Mark 10:41-45 (NIV 2011)

1. The World's Way ("You know that ...")

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| a. [the] rulers of the Gentiles | lord it over them |
| b. their great ones | exercise dominion over them |

2. The Kingdom Way ("But it is not so with you ...")

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| a. whoever wants to be great | will be your servant |
| b. whoever wants to be first | will be slave of all |

45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Mark 10:45 (NIV 2011)

What would it look like to imitate Jesus' humility and sacrificial love and service in...

-My family and other relationships

-My work

-My community or neighborhood

-My finances

-How I choose to spend my time