

## Jesus Teaches Humility

### ADDED HINTS AND HELPS

In this section will be found further assistance under the several headings.

#### Lesson Outline

##### TRUE AND FALSE GREATNESS

#### *I. The Request of the Two Disciples.*

1. Soon after the announcement of vs. 33, 34.
2. From two of the earliest disciples.
3. Influenced by their mother, Matt. 20: 20.
4. The searching question of Jesus.
5. An ambitious petition.

#### *II. The Answer of Jesus.*

1. Suffering must be expected.
2. Readiness to meet suffering professed.
3. Profession accepted and suffering predicted.
4. How to win promotion in the Kingdom.

#### *III. The Instruction of the Twelve.*

1. The displeasure of the ten.
2. The world's view of greatness.
3. Greatness according to Jesus.
4. Our Example in service.

#### Lesson Points

Our desires should be subject to conscience and reason. v. 35.

No other questions are so searching as those of Jesus. v. 36.

It is nobler to be worthy of a crown, than to wear it. v. 37.

Performance is the true test of profession. v. 38.

The soldier counts it an honor to share the dangers of his leader. v. 39.

Promotion in the kingdom of God is not from, but in and for service. v. 40.

The world says, "Give me"; Jesus says, "I give." v. 42.

In the sight of heaven the lowliest are the loftiest. v. 43.

Our Redeemer is also our Ruler. v. 45.

#### From the Library

Who can wonder to see some sparks of weak and worldly desires in their holiest teacher, when the blessed apostles were not free from ambitious thoughts, while they

sat at the feet, yea, lay in the bosom of their Saviour?—Robert Hall.

Heaven-gates are not so highly arched  
As princes' palaces; they that enter these  
Must go upon their knees.—John Webster.

Humility and service, in the kingdom of God, not only lead to greatness, they are greatness; that is, they are the supreme marks of the Christian quality. And it is one of the signs that the world is becoming a seat of the kingdom of God, that rulers, leaders, employers, and others are beginning to recognize this idea of service as the meaning of their position.—Gould.

The sufferings of our Saviour have moved more men to repentance than all other moral forces combined, and more than all others have deepened throughout the whole world the sense of the infinite preciousness of personal goodness.—Dr. George C. Lorimer.

. . . And Gareth bowed himself  
With all obedience to the king, and wrought  
All kind of service with a noble ease  
That graced the lowliest act in doing it.

—Tennyson

Breaking through the reserve that had held Him, and revealing to them the inmost thoughts which had occupied Him when He had been alone and apart, going before them on the way, He spoke for the first time fully what was the deepest meaning of His life, mission and death: "to give His life a ransom for many"—to pay with His life-blood the price of their redemption, to lay down His life for them; in their room and stead, and for their salvation.—Ederheim.

Love is vicarious in its impulse; love says "Let me take your burden." God is love. . . Christ loved us in this spirit, and in seeking to save us entered into our lot as only the divine and human Saviour could.—Dr. W. N. Clarke.

#### Topics for Brief Papers

(To be ready on the day of the Lesson)

1. False and true ambition.
2. Christ a ransom.