

God's Messiah: Our Suffering Servant
Mark 10:45
December 17, 2023

“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”
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Christmas is about the coming Messiah, the anointed one, the Christ, into the world.

The Messiah came as the Servant King

He came to serve.

“If I do not serve you, you have no part with me.”

Why Did We Need to be Ransomed?

What were we in bondage to?

What is a ransom?

We are slaves, prisoners, condemned.

Don't think you need ransom? Read a little history. Look in the mirror.

What are we ransomed from?

The Troubling Context of our Text

Jesus announces his coming betrayal and death.

How did James and John respond?

The other disciples were indignant.

“whoever would be first among you must be slave of all” v 44.

A lesson in Christian leadership - servant leadership.

Do you want to be great in the kingdom of God? Serve.

“Must I be carried to the skies on flowery beds of ease,
While others fought to win the prize and sailed through bloody seas?” - Isaac Watts

Jesus teaches about the radical nature of the kingdom of God.

The radical call to Christian discipleship is NOT a call to serve Jesus.

When you become a Christian you do not become his helper.

What is the secret to the boundless capacity for Christian's to love others?

We still have remnants today of this Christian view of leadership.

Our Messiah came to ransom many but not all.

Are you the friend of Jesus? (John 15:14)

Are you serving God? Is He serving you?

Do you serve others? Galatians 6:2, "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."

We are back to the meaning of Christmas.