A NEW KINGDOM: A Different Kind of King
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32 They were now on the way up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. The
disciples were filled with awe, and the people following behind were overwhelmed with fear.
Taking the twelve disciples aside, Jesus once more began to describe everything that was
about to happen to him. 33 "Listen," he said, "we're going up to Jerusalem, where the Son of
Man will be betrayed to the leading priests and the teachers of religious law. They will
sentence him to die and hand him over to the Romans. 34 They will mock him, spit on him,
flog him with a whip, and kill him, but after three days he will rise again."
Mark 10:32-34 NLT

1 Before the Passover celebration, Jesus knew that his hour had come to leave this world and
return to his Father. He had loved his disciples during his ministry on earth, and now he loved
them to the very end. 2 It was time for supper, and the devil had already prompted Judas, son
of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. 3 Jesus knew that the Father had given him authority over
everything and that he had come from God and would return to God. 4 So he got up from the
table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, 5 and poured water into a basin.
Then he began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he had around him.
John 13:1-5 NLT

1. The World's Definition of Greatness Is Upside Down

35 Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came over and spoke to him. "Teacher," they
said, "we want you to do us a favor." 36 "What is your request?" he asked. 37 They replied,
"When you sit on your glorious throne, we want to sit in places of honor next to you, one on
your right and the other on your left."
Mark 10:35–37 NLT

42 So Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers in this world lord it over
their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. 43 But among you it
will be different …"
Mark 10:42–43a NLT

The world measures greatness by position; Jesus measures greatness by service.

2. Greatness in God's Kingdom Begins with Serving

43 "But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your
servant, 44 and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else."
Mark 10:43–44 NLT

In God's Kingdom, greatness isn't about being served; it's about becoming a servant.

3. The King Calls Us to Serve

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from God and would return to God. 4 So he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped
a towel around his waist, 5 and poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the
disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he had around him.
John 13:3–5 NLT

6 When Jesus came to Simon Peter, Peter said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"
7 Jesus replied, "You don't understand now what I am doing, but someday you will." 8 "No,"
Peter protested, "you will never ever wash my feet!" Jesus replied, "Unless I wash you, you
won't belong to me." 9 Simon Peter exclaimed, "Then wash my hands and head as well, Lord,
not just my feet!" 10 Jesus replied, "A person who has bathed all over does not need to wash,
except for the feet, to be entirely clean."
John 13:6-10a NLT

12 After washing their feet, he put on his robe again and sat down and asked, "Do you
understand what I was doing? 13 You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you are right, because
that's what I am. 14 And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to
wash each other's feet. 15 I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you."
John 13:12–15 NLT

We can't claim to follow a servant King while refusing to serve.

"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."
Mark 10:45 NLT