

~ **SERVANT LEADERSHIP** ~

Matthew 20:17-28

INTRODUCTION: Between verse 16 and 17 of Matthew 20 Jesus and the disciples have crossed over Jordan from Perea and has entered Judea on his way up to Jerusalem. Time is running out – Since chapter 13 Jesus has continually been teaching His disciples about the nature of His Kingdom and what they would have to be like if they were going to be a part of it – Jesus is now making His final journey to Jerusalem. Jesus is going to Jerusalem to die and on the third day rise again – this will be the third time (Matthew 16:21; 17:22-23) that He is trying to get this message across to the Twelve. The disciples themselves had to learn that self-denial, humility, and service were not simply the pattern of Jesus' life and ministry but that of their own as well. At this point they are far from that pattern even though it is being lived out before their very eyes and is being taught to them over and over again. Jesus had told them in Matthew 16:24 that *"IF anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross, and follow Me."* They wanted nothing to do with denying self – they were seeking to promote self – they wanted nothing to do with crosses – they were seeking after prestige and prominence and power and pampering of self – Crosses were for criminals, not for disciples of the Messiah. These selfish attitudes and mindsets must be changed in the disciples of 33 AD and the disciples of 2017 AD.

A. THE LORD'S _____ REVISITED – 20:17-19

B. THE DISCIPLE'S _____ DISPLAYED – 20:20-24

C. THE LORD'S _____ REVEALED – 20:23, 25-28

1. FOR THE KINGDOM'S _____ – 20:25-27

A. EXPRESSED _____ – 20:25

B. EXPRESSED _____ – 20:26-27

2. FOR THE KINGDOM'S _____ – 20:28