

# **“On the Road to Jerusalem”**

## **Matt. 20:17-34**

### Introduction

- I. It was getting close to the time of Jesus' death.
- II. His disciples were very uneasy (Mark 10:32).
- III. Jesus took another opportunity to teach His disciples.

### Discussion

- I. Jesus declared His intentions and foretold of His impending death (Matt. 20:17-19; Mark 10:32-34; Luke 18:31-34).
  - A. The Pharisees had already discussed killing Jesus (John 11:53, 57).
  - B. The disciples were still not ready for what was to come, even though they had already been taught (Matt. 16:21; 17:22-23).
  - C. Jesus revealed that the upcoming events would be the fulfillment of prophecy (Luke 18:31).
  - D. There is also a reason for hope because of the resurrection (Luke 18:34).
  - E. The example of Jesus' commitment to duty is honorable and noble (Phil. 2:5-8).
- II. Jesus taught a great lesson on servitude (Matt. 20:20-28; Mark 10:35-45).
  - A. Many believe that the mother of James and John was Salome (Mark 15:40).
  - B. There was a desire for James and John to be put in positions of authority and prominence in Christ's kingdom.
  - C. Jesus foretold of the futures of James and John (Acts 12:2; Rev. 1:9).
  - D. Instead of seeking our own glorification, we should mimic our Lord (1 Tim. 2:6; cf. Isa. 53:12).
- III. Jesus showed great compassion (Matt. 20:29-34; Mark 10:46-52; Luke 18:35-43).
  - A. Jesus was approached by two blind men, one of which was Bartimaeus.
  - B. The blind men wanted mercy and received such.
  - C. We should learn the example of Jesus and look at times when we can show compassion as a good thing and not a burden (James 4:6).

### Conclusion

- I. Much was learned on the road to Jerusalem.
- II. Not only did the teachings benefit His original disciples, but they still benefit us today.