



Friends of Jesus and Mary

XXV Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 23, 2018

Wisdom 2, 12.17-20; Psalm 53; James 3, 16-4, 3; Mark 9, 30-37

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be ... the servant of all"

Jesus and his disciples left from there and began a journey through Galilee, but he did not wish anyone to know about it. He was teaching his disciples and telling them, "The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise." But they did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to question him. They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, he began to ask them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they remained silent. They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."

Reflection

Jesus tells His disciples what will happen in the future. What did He say? (He would be handed over to men and be killed, then rise from the dead after three days.) **How do they react?** (They do not understand how the Savior, who is God, must die dishonorably; but they are scared to ask Him.) **Instead, they argue among themselves. What were they arguing about?** (Who was the most important.) **Jesus, who is God and knew what they were saying asks them what they were talking about to teach them something. What did Jesus tell them?** (If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the servant of all.) **What did He want to teach them?** (In God's eyes, a person that seeks to help others is more valuable than the person that always wants to be first or most important. God looks into our soul and how we can be saved.) **Can you give examples of both types of persons?** Share. **How can we put other's needs before our own?** Share. **Jesus also speaks about a child. What did He say?** (Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; ...and the One who sent me.) **Why did He say this?** (Jesus wanted them to know that in God's eyes, children are important and must be cared for as if they were Jesus. Also, the elderly, the sick, the disabled and others who we serve without payment are precious in God's eyes.) **Just as Jesus, King of the Universe, suffered and died to save us, our sacrifices of service for those in need can save our souls and other souls also.**



Activities

On the following page, fill in the blanks of the gospel with the words below. On the last page place a star in the angel if the phrase reflects someone putting others first, and a spot on the snake if the phrase represents a person putting themselves first.

Prayer

Jesus, help us to imitate you by being humble and helping others, especially those in need. Help us to bring peace to our home and appreciate each person as you ask us. **Amen.**

Song: Jesus Loves Me, Kidspring Children's Ministry, (Ctrl Click) <https://youtu.be/IUePulhSsqQ>

PPT: <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1lrVMMkCdcU8wXGZF2qRxpwe4dBrEEku5/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=115268475267556305384&rtpof=true&sd=true>

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Gospel of Mark 9, 30-37

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be ... the servant of all"

(Instructions: Fill in the blanks with the words below.)

Jesus and his disciples left from there and began a journey through Galilee, but he did not wish anyone to know about it. He was _____ his disciples and telling them, "The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his _____ the Son of Man will _____." But they did not understand the saying, and they were _____ to question him. They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, he began to ask them, "What were you arguing about on the _____?" But they remained silent. They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the _____. Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to be _____, he shall be the last of all and the _____ of all." Taking a _____, he placed it in their midst, and putting his _____ around it, he said to them, "Whoever _____ one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who _____ me."

Greatest

Afraid

Receives

Rise

Sent

Death

Servant

Arms

Way

Child

Teaching

First



Instructions: Below are phrases that express persons putting others before themselves, and persons putting themselves first. If the phrase reflects a person putting others first, draw a star on the angel. If the phrase represents a person putting themselves first, draw a spot on the snake.



Pick up plates and put in dishwasher without being asked.

Do not let family see their favorite program so you can see yours.

Congratulate a friend who was selected over you for something.

Do not help younger sibling because you want to play on computer.

Play video game before your brother/sister.

Help pass out the dessert and eat last.

Push everyone to be first in line

Pick up brother or sisters clothe for them.

Congratulate friend who was selected for something you were not.

Pretend to be busy with homework and can't help set the table when.

Choose toys you would like to give away to needy kids.

Make up with someone even if it's not your fault.

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