



## **A Healing Mess**

*“Now Jesus, going up to Jerusalem, took the twelve disciples aside on the road and said to them, “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death, and deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock and to scourge and to crucify. And the third day He will rise again.”*

*Then the mother of Zebedee’s sons came to Him with her sons, kneeling down and asking something from Him.*

*And He said to her, “What do you wish?”*

*She said to Him, “Grant that these two sons of mine may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on the left, in Your kingdom.” (Matthew 20:17-21)*

1. Jesus told His disciples He will have to be betrayed by His own people, turned over to the Romans, and go to the cross and die.
2. Neither of the sons or the mother cared about what He said or His mission but came with a personal agenda.
3. Jesus cut to the chase with the mother – “What do you wish?”
4. It was really a question from the sons who got their mother to ask for them. Who can say “no” to a mother?

*“But Jesus answered and said, “You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?”*

*They said to Him, “We are able.”*

*So He said to them, “You will indeed drink My cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared by My Father.” (Matthew 20:21-22)*

1. Jesus redirects His question to the sons.
2. Jesus asked them if they would be willing to “drink the cup” and they said “yes.”
3. When Jesus said they would take His cup, He did not mean the cross, but the persecution for being a Christian.
4. When the other ten disciples heard it, they only thought of themselves, and were angry with the two who asked. They also missed the point Jesus made.

## **The Heart of a Servant, Not a Master**

*“And when the ten heard it, they were greatly displeased with the two brothers. But Jesus called them to Himself and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave— just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.” (Matthew 20:24-28)*

1. Jesus learned servanthood through what He suffered (Hebrews 5:8).
2. The two sons brought a mess by their question to sit on Jesus’ right and left hand.
3. Just like a sword that divides, Jesus’ answer brought a bigger mess. One which would heal the other mess. When Jesus brings a mess, it is a healing mess.

### **Two Blind Men Receive Their Sight**

*“Now as they went out of Jericho, a great multitude followed Him. And behold, two blind men sitting by the road, when they heard that Jesus was passing by, cried out, saying, “Have mercy on us, O Lord, Son of David!”*

*Then the multitude warned them that they should be quiet; but they cried out all the more, saying, “Have mercy on us, O Lord, Son of David!”*

*So Jesus stood still and called them, and said, “What do you want Me to do for you?”*

*They said to Him, “Lord, that our eyes may be opened.” (Matthew 20:29-33)*

1. The common consensus of the people was to lord it over the men who needed healing and forbid them to bother Jesus.
2. If they did not have time for the blind men, then neither did Jesus. So, they answered for Him.
3. Jesus cut to the chase again and asked the two men what they wanted. They asked to see again.
4. Jesus insulted the crowd, caused a mess, and healed the two blind men.
5. What a wonderful healing mess. The first thing the two blind men saw was the face of Jesus.

### **Jesus Made Another Healing Mess**

*“And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, “Who is this?”*

*So the multitudes said, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee.”*

*Then Jesus went into the temple of God and drove out all those who bought and sold in the temple and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. And He said to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer,’ but you have made it a ‘den of thieves.’” (Matthew 21:10-13)*

1. Jesus made another healing mess to make the temple a house of prayer instead of the selling of merchandise.
2. They complained that Jesus healing in the house of God.
  - a. Even though they allowed the selling of merchandise.
  - b. The house of God is the right place for prayer and healing.
3. Healing mess is a mess in the right direction, correcting a mess we or Satan have made in the wrong direction.
4. A mess leaves an open door for God to work in our life.

### **“I Did Not Come to Bring Peace”**

*“Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. For I have come to ‘set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law’...” (Matthew 10:34-35)*

1. How many of us have had family turn on us because we have accepted Jesus or taken on a full-time ministry?
2. Yet, how many of that family has now accepted Jesus and become a part of the church we now pastor?