

# Treasure Hunt

- How did James and John end up drinking the Lord's cup and sharing his baptism?
- What pattern does this set for other believers?
- What does v. 23b tell us about the relation of the Father and the Son?
- How does greatness differ in the world and in the church?
- What OT image lies behind the notion of a "ransom" (v. 28)?
- Where does Paul amplify the Lord's teaching from this passage?
- Why does Matthew include the healing of the blind men at this point in his history?
- What three insights set the blind men in both stories apart from the Jewish leaders?
- Why are the blind men in ch. 9 healed privately, but in ch. 20, publicly?

# Sharing the Sufferings of Christ

James and John:

Act 12:1 Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth *his* hands to vex certain of the church. 2 And he **killed James** the brother of John with the sword.

Rev 1:9 I **John**, who also am your brother, and companion in ~~tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ~~ **the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ**, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

General Principle:

2Co 1:5 For as **the sufferings of Christ abound in us**, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ.

Phi 3:10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and **the fellowship of his sufferings**, being made conformable unto his death; 11 If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

1Pe 4:12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: 13 But rejoice, inasmuch as **ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings**; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

# Administration within the Godhead

Matt 20:23 to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father.

Mat 24:34 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled. 35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. 36 But of that day and hour knoweth no *man*, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

Act 1:6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? 7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

Phi 2:9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

Psa 75:5 Lift not up your horn on high: speak *not with* a stiff neck. 6 For promotion *cometh* neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. 7 But God *is* the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another.

# The Lord's Chiastic Rebuke

Titled authority (prince, chief)	25 Ye know that the <b>princes</b> of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them,	27 And whosoever will be <b>chief</b> among you, let him be your servant (1401 δουλος):
Functional authority (great)	and they that are <b>great</b> exercise authority upon them.	but whosoever will be <b>great</b> among you, let him be your minister (1249 διακονος);
	26 But it shall not be so among you:	

1249 διακονος: servant

1401 δουλος: bonds slave

# “Ransom” in the OT

Exo 13:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Sanctify unto me all the firstborn, **whatsoever openeth the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and of beast: it is mine.** ... 12 ... thou shalt set apart unto the LORD all that openeth the matrix, and every firstling that cometh of a beast which thou hast; the males *shall be* the LORD'S. 13 And every firstling of an ass thou shalt redeem with a lamb; and if thou wilt not redeem it, then thou shalt break his neck: and **all the firstborn of man among thy children shalt thou redeem.**

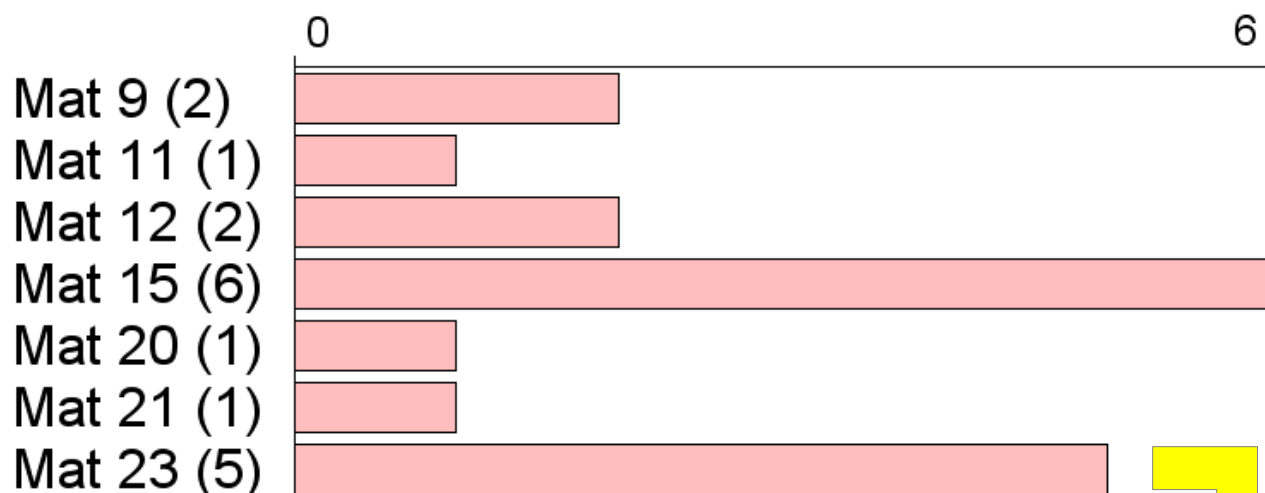
Num 3:12 (LXX)  
Behold, I have taken the Levites from the midst of the children of Israel, instead of every male that opens the womb from among the children of Israel: **they shall be their ransom**, and the Levites shall be mine.

# Matt 20:28 and Philipians 2

Matt 20	Phil 2
28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to <b>minister</b> <b>διακονεω</b> ,	5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a <b>servant</b> <b>δουλος</b> , and was made in the likeness of men:
and to give his life a <b>ransom</b> for many.	8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the <b>death</b> of the cross.

# Instances of “blind” in Matthew

All refer to physical blindness,  
except 15:14 and 23:16-26:



Mat 15:14 Let them alone: they be **blind** leaders of the **blind**. And if the **blind** lead the **blind**, both shall fall into the ditch.

Mat 23:16 Woe unto you, ye **blind** guides, ... 17 Ye fools and **blind**: for whether is greater, the gold, or the temple that sanctifieth the gold? ... 19 Ye fools and **blind**: for whether *is* greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifieth the gift? ... 24 Ye **blind** guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel. ... 26 *Thou* **blind** Pharisee, ...

# Physical & Spiritual Blindness in John 9

9:1 And as *Jesus* passed by, he saw a man which was blind from *his* birth. ...  
6 ... he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, 7  
And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing. ...

13 They brought to the Pharisees him that aforetime was blind. ... 24 Then again called they the man that was blind, and said unto him, Give God the praise: we know that this man is a sinner. 25 He answered and said, Whether he be a sinner *or no*, I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see. ... 28 Then they reviled him, and said, Thou art his disciple; but we are Moses' disciples. ...

... 30 The man answered and said unto them, Why herein is a marvellous thing, that ye know not from whence he is, and *yet* he hath opened mine eyes. ...  
33 If this man were not of God, he could do nothing. 34 They answered and said unto him, Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us? And they cast him out.

39 And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind. 40 And *some* of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, and said unto him, Are we blind also? 41 Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth.



# Two Blind Men in ch. 9 and ch. 20

9:27 And when Jesus departed thence, **two blind men followed him**, crying, and saying, *Thou Son of David, have mercy on us*. 28 And **when he was come into the house**, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, **Believe ye** that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, **Lord**. 29 **Then touched he their eyes**, saying, **According to your faith** be it unto you. 30 And their eyes were opened; and Jesus straitly charged them, saying, See *that* no man know *it*. 31 But they, **when they were departed**, spread abroad his fame in all that country.

20:29 And as they departed from Jericho, a great multitude **followed him**. 30 And, behold, **two blind men sitting by the way side**, when they heard that Jesus passed by, cried out, saying, **Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou Son of David**. 31 And the multitude rebuked them, because they should hold their peace: but they cried the more, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou Son of David. 32 **And Jesus stood still**, and called them, and said, **What will ye** that I shall do unto you? 33 They say unto him, Lord, that our eyes may be opened. 34 So Jesus **had compassion on them**, and **touched their eyes**: and immediately their eyes received sight, and **they followed him**.