

Sermon Outline
“Will You Be Great?”
Matthew 20:17-28

I. Structure

- A** The third passion prediction vv. 17-19 (*cf.* 16:21; 17:22-23)
“The Son of Man will be betrayed . . .”
- B** Interview with Zebedee’s family vv. 20-23
“Let us have preeminence.”
- A¹** The world after the passion vv. 24-28
“To be great is to serve.”

II. The passion prediction vv. 17-19

Jesus will be handed over to chief priests and scribes
They will condemn him
They will hand him over to the Gentiles
 To mock
 To flog
 To crucify
Jesus will be raised to life

III. The Zebedee matter vv. 20-23

The request: “Let my sons have preeminence.”
The test: “Are you able?”
The affirmation: “You shall share my suffering.”
The denial: “Do not inquire into the secret things.”

Note: The 12 have already forgotten 19:30 and 20:16. (*cf.* v. 24)

IV. The world (kingdom) after the passion vv. 24-28

Disputation among the Twelve v. 24
The world’s way v. 25 (“princes” are high functionaries)
God’s way v. 26 (high functionaries are to be servants)
 The standard v. 27 (service, not authority)
 The example v. 28 (Jesus, the servant *par excellence*)