

For the Third Time Jesus Foretells That He Will Die and Come Back to Life

17 When Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem, he took the twelve apostles aside and said to them privately, **18** “We’re going to Jerusalem. There the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and the experts in Moses’ Teachings. They will condemn him to death **19** and hand him over to foreigners. They will make fun of him, whip him, and crucify him. But on the third day he will be brought back to life.”

A Mother Makes a Request

20 Then the mother of Zebedee’s sons came to Jesus with her two sons. She bowed down in front of him to ask him for a favor.

21 “What do you want?” he asked her.

She said to him, “Promise that one of my sons will sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom.”

22 Jesus replied, “You don’t realize what you’re asking. Can you drink the cup that I’m going to drink?”

“We can,” they told him.

23 Jesus said to them, “You will drink my cup. But I don’t have the authority to grant you a seat at my right or left. My Father has already prepared these positions for certain people.”

24 When the other ten apostles heard about this, they were irritated with the two brothers.

25 Jesus called the apostles and said, “You know that the rulers of nations have absolute power over people and their officials have absolute authority over people. **26** But that’s not the way it’s going to be among you. Whoever wants to become great among you will be your servant. **27** Whoever wants to be most important among you will be your slave. **28** It’s the same way with the Son of Man. He didn’t come so that others could serve him. He came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many people.”

Jesus Gives Two Blind Men Their Sight

29 As they were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed Jesus. **30** Two blind men were sitting by the road. When they heard that Jesus was passing by, they shouted, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!”

31 The crowd told them to be quiet. But they shouted even louder, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!”

32 Jesus stopped and called them. “What do you want me to do for you?” he asked.

33 They told him, “Lord, we want you to give us our eyesight back.”

34 Jesus felt sorry for them, so he touched their eyes. Their sight was restored at once, and they followed him.