



Lessons for Disciples - A Kings Ransom

Key idea:

Jesus the King is the Servant of the Lord Who will lay down His life to ransom His people, taking their sin and punishment on Himself, setting them free from death and restoring them from exile to be the people of God.

Key text:

Mark 10:45

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Key points:

1. Jesus had predicted His death three times (Mark 8:31; 9:31; 10:33-34), but Mark 10:45 is the first time He explains WHY He must die - to give His life as a ransom for many.
2. The Greek word for 'ransom' (and the related verb for 'to redeem') referred to the payment given to redeem someone, usually a slave, a criminal, or a prisoner of war, setting them free and paying for their crimes.
3. In the Old Testament, the words for ransom/redeem were used in three main ways:
 - a. To refer to God's work in ransoming/redeeming Israel from slavery in Egypt.
 - b. To refer to God's work in ransoming/redeeming Israel from exile - a second 'exodus'
 - c. To reinforce this, God had the people 'ransom' their firstborn with a substitute who took their place
4. Jesus is alluding to Isaiah 53 where the Servant of the Lord is a guilt offering - a sacrifice that bears the sins of another, being put to death in their place.

Questions for discussion/application:

1. What part of Sunday's teaching stood out most to you? Why?
2. The Greek word for 'ransom' was related to a payment given to free a slave, criminal, or prisoner of war. How does each of those point to an aspect of my situation before Christ ransomed me?
3. In Exodus 6:6 and Deuteronomy 24:18, God says He redeemed Israel from slavery in Egypt. How is this related to what Jesus' death has done for me? What was my 'Egypt'? To whom or what was I a slave?
4. In Isaiah 43:1 and 51:11, God speaks of the return of the exiles as being redeemed and ransomed. How does this apply to me as a Christian? What caused my exile? From whom or what was I exiled? How does Jesus' death redeem me from exile?
5. In the final plague in Egypt, God killed the firstborn of the land. How was one delivered from that death? How does this point forward to Christ?
6. To remember the passing over of the firstborn of Israel by the Angel of Death, God required a ransom be paid for each firstborn to redeem them. What does this teach me about the price of sin? In what other ways did Israel remember the first Passover to ensure it was never forgotten? How do we remember the death of Christ our Passover Lamb?
7. Read Isaiah 52:13-53:12. How does this Servant Song point me to Jesus? What does it teach me about what happened on the Cross? According to this passage, how does Jesus' death solve our problem of sin?
8. When God redeemed me by the death of Jesus, I became His. How do I show Him gratitude for redeeming me from sin, Satan, and death?
9. How is the death of Jesus related to the Gift of the Holy Spirit, which many Christians observed on Pentecost Sunday?
10. Who can I reach out to this week to share the Good News of what Jesus has done?

For Further Study:

[The Suffering Servant](#) (a teaching on Isaiah 52:13-53:12)

[Suffering Servant, Exalted King](#) (a teaching on Isaiah 52:13-53:12)