

A Mother's Request

(S. Matthew 20:20–28)

The wife of Zebedee came to Jesus with her two sons, bowed before him, and asked him for a favour. “What do you want?” Jesus asked her. She answered, “Promise me that these two sons of mine will sit at your right and your left when you are King.”

“You don't know what you are asking for,” Jesus answered the sons. “Can you drink the cup of suffering that I am about to drink?”

“We can,” they answered. “You will indeed drink from my cup,” Jesus told them, “but I do not have the right to choose who will sit at my right and my left. These places belong to those for whom my Father has prepared them.”



When the other ten disciples heard about this, they became angry with the two brothers. So Jesus called them all together and said, “You know that the rulers of the heathen have power over them, and the leaders have complete authority. This, however, is not the way it shall be among you. If one of you wants to be great, you must be the servant of the rest; and if one of you wants to be first, you must be the slave of the others— like the Son of Man, who did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life to redeem many people.”

Understanding the Story

1. Who are the sons of Zebedee? (*Hint: Look up St. Matthew 4:21 in your Bible*)
2. Where is Jesus' kingdom?
3. When Jesus says "the cup of suffering that I am about to drink" what is He talking about?
4. Jesus says in order to be great we have to follow His example. What do we need to do to be great like The Son of Man (Jesus)?

The Collect for the Fifth Sunday in Lent commonly called Passion Sunday:



We beseech thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon thy people: that by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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A N G R Y R A J R S B U Q O R D R X
Y Z D T G B U A D U K I N G G X U P
S E C L W I T K I F G T Y F R O L P
S B W Y T B H K S F O Q O A E H E O
M E K B K L O I C E S R D T A B R W
G D R Y E E R R I R P B M H T Z U E
H E Q V E K I T P I E B V E R G D R
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U D O Z M N Y I E G C X C O I D Z P
K D R I N K T W S N G R I G H T S K
N M A T T H E W C U P J E S U S D O
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Find the following words in the puzzle.

Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘ .

ANGRY

AUTHORITY

BIBLE

CUP

DISCIPLES

DRINK

FATHER

GOD

GOSPEL

GREAT

JESUS

KING

MATTHEW

POWER

REDEEM

RIGHT

RULER

SERVANT

SUFFERING

ZEBEDEE