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### The Continued Focus On Status

Mark 10:35-37 James and John, the two sons of Zebedee, came up to Jesus, saying, %Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask of You.+And He said to them, %What do you want Me to do for you?+They said to Him, %Grant that we may sit, one on Your right and one on Your left, in Your glory.+



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### Jesus' Pointed Question

Mark 10:38 But Jesus said to them, %You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?+

Mark 14:36 And He was saying, %Abba! Father! All things are possible for You; remove this cup from Me; yet not what I will, but what You will.+

Luke 12:50 But I have a baptism to undergo, and how distressed I am until it is accomplished!



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### James and John Will Suffer

Mark 10:39-40 They said to Him, %We are able.+And Jesus said to them, %The cup that I drink you shall drink; and you shall be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized. %But to sit on My right or on My left, this is not Mine to give; but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.+

Acts 12:2 And he had **James** the brother of John put to death with a sword.

Revelation 1:9 I, **John**, your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom

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### The Call To Service And Suffering

Mark 10:41-45 Hearing this, the ten began to feel indignant with James and John. Calling them to Himself, Jesus said to them, %You know that those who are recognized as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them; and their great men exercise authority over them. %But it is not this way among you, **but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant; and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be slave of all.** %For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.+

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### Applications

1. We must understand that God's people are called to suffer not in order to earn salvation, but because we belong to Christ who suffered.
2. We must believe and live out the fact that service to the saints is far more important than status in the eyes of man.

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Zechariah 13:7-9 Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, and against the man, My Associate, + declares the LORD of hosts. Strike the Shepherd that the sheep may be scattered; and I will turn My hand against the little ones. %It will come about in all the land, + Declares the LORD, %that two parts in it will be cut off and perish; but the third will be left in it. "And I will bring the third part through the fire, refine them as silver is refined, and test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, and I will answer them; I will say, They are My people, and they will say, The LORD is my God."

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### 1. We Suffer "The Afflictions of Christ"

1 Peter 4:12-13; 16-17 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you; but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation. but if anyone suffers as a Christian, he is not to be ashamed, but is to glorify God in this name. For it is time for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?

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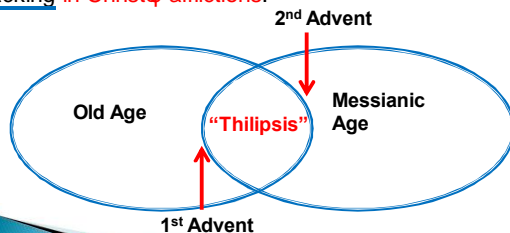
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### 1. We Suffer "The Afflictions of Christ"

Colossians 1:24 Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I do my share on behalf of His body, which is the church, in filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions.



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### 1. The Glory Outweighs The Suffering!

Romans 8:17-18 if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him. For I consider that **the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory** that is to be revealed to us.

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### 2. Service Is More Important Than Status!

John 13:13-16 You call Me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am. If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, **you also ought to wash one another's feet**. For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, **a slave is not greater than his master**, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him.+

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