

Know All The Facts

Mark 10:35, 36
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Jesus hardly had the words out of His mouth about His coming trial and death before two of His disciples came asking something of Him. These two were James and John, the sons of Zebedee. They said, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask." How human they were!

Jesus had spoken of His impending death, and they saw the end in sight, or at least a culmination of things as they had known them. Perhaps they thought it best that any request of theirs be put forward before His death. Better to be on record early. So they came asking a favor.

"Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask." "Whatever we ask" is pretty broad. Wonder why they didn't come right out with what they wanted? Reminds me of children asking a parent, guardedly at first, for fear that revealing too many specifics would end in sudden refusal. Jesus answered with wisdom. "What do you want Me to do for you?"

The Master often answered a question with a question, in this case seeking more information before answering. We also, in whatever area of life, should question to get more information before making assertions or commitments that might later prove to be embarrassing at the moment or impossible to keep later. I wonder how many individuals have been led down Satan's pathway of sin because they failed to get all the facts before agreeing to participate.

Lord help us always answer with wisdom. Help us know and understand fully the actions that others would have us take before we agree to take them.