

Who is the Greatest?

Mark 9:30-41

Into the Lesson:

In anticipation of verse 34, who are your nominees for G.O.A.T. (greatest of all time, team or individual) in the in the field of:

Baseball-
Football-
Basketball-
Golf-
Being north of Boulder County,
there is no mention of soccer-
Pig Roasting-

Do you ever wonder if Jesus (the man) ever said to himself, "these guys just don't get it"?

From past Good Friday services or personal studies what do we know of Roman crucifixion (Wikipedia provides a good overview)?

Into the Word:

Read Mark 9:30-32 and compare with Luke 22:39-46 as you consider:

The emotion of both situations-
The response (or lack of) by the Disciples-
The response of Jesus-

If an Ethiopian (Acts 8:26-33) had access and awareness of Scripture, is it fair to assume these "uneducated fishermen" would also have been aware of the teaching from Isaiah 53:7-8?

How about Psalm 22:1, 7-8, 16-18 & 24-

How incomprehensible would Acts 2:23-24 have been to the Disciples when they heard Jesus' words in verse 31?

Which part of verse 32 seems *most like* the Disciples?

How do Sam's comments regarding vv.33-34 provide further indication of the "cluelessness" of the Disciples?

As Sam pointed out in verses 38-41, what seems to have been the main concern of the Disciples at this time?

How does Mark 6:6-13 seem to be their primary qualifier?

Into Life:

Do you ever wonder if this band of clueless misfits could set the world on fire for the Lord, maybe my own stumbling, fumbling life can be used to bring Glory to God?

How should the awesome nature of gift of our Salvation provide the focus of everything that we do?

How does that translate in:

My prayer life-
Personal study time-
My focus on those inside *and outside* the church-
Seeking new ways to spread the "Good News"-
There is someone who does sky writing over Disney with messages of Jesus' love.

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you? "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" -Matthew 25:35-40