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MATTHEW The KING has Come

"Lessons Unlearned About His Kingdom"
(Matthew 20:20-28, pew Bible page 825)

Through nine different parables and more than two dozen specific teachings, based just on what we have in Matthew, Jesus has been explaining His Kingdom. But, like us, the disciples are a bit slow to grasp some really essential truths.

I. The Lesson of Position in the Kingdom (vv. 20-24)

A. The pursuit of prominence (v. 20)

B. The presumption of privilege (v. 21)

C. The power of perspective (vv. 22-23)

D. The poison of jealousy (v. 24)

Key takeaway: It's not about anybody being important, except Jesus.

II. The Lesson of Power in the Kingdom (vv. 25-27)

A. The pattern (v. 25)

B. The prohibition (v. 26a)

C. The principle (vv. 26b-27)

Key takeaway: It's not about anybody being the Lord, except Jesus.

III. The Central Lesson: The Price of the Kingdom (v. 28)

A. The Mission of the Son, "even as the Son of Man came"

B. The Ministry of the Servant, "not to be served but to serve,"

C. The Magnitude of the Sacrifice, "and to give His life"

D. The Meaning of the Substitution, "as a ransom for many."

Key takeaway: It's not making yourself right with God; the only way that happens is the substitutionary sacrifice of Jesus.