

Who Is Jesus?: Greatness in Kingdom

Scott Gillette Luke 9:44-48; Matt 17:22-23, 18:1-5; Mark 9:30-37

Eye Witnesses

Accuracy – what really happened

Perspective – personal experience & response

The Scriptural Context - How or Why do these fit together?

1. “You’re not listening!”
 - i. *Today’s texts*
 - ii. Matt 20:18-21
 - iii. Luke 22:21-24 (Last Supper)
2. Expectations
 - a. Jesus’ expectation
 - b. Disciples expectations
3. God’s Plan
 - a. Jesus role
 - b. Disciples role?

The Argument

The Object Lesson: A Child

The Three Witnesses... three perspectives [SLIDES]

1. Matthew – “How to even be IN the kingdom.” - Matt 18:3-4
2. Mark – “How to be great” - Mark 9:35
3. Luke – “What it looks like to be great” Luke 9:48a,b,c

a. ALL THREE – “Whoever welcomes this little child... one little child such as this... in My name welcomes Me.”

Matt 25:31-40

b. Luke & Mark – “And whoever welcomes Me does not welcome Me, but welcomes Him who sent Me.”

John 10:30 – “*I and the Father are one*”

John 14:9 – “*If you’ve seen Me, you’ve seen the Father*”

John 17:21 – “*May they all be one, as You, Father, are in Me and I am in You. May they also be one in Us, so the world may believe You sent Me.*”

c. Luke alone adds – “⁴⁷ For whoever is least among you—this one is great.”

Luke 6:27-36... “*Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you....*”

Romans 12:9-21 “...outdo one another in showing honor”

Philippians 2:3-4

“*Do nothing out of rivalry or conceit, but in humility consider others as more important than yourselves. Everyone should look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.*”

Your Witness – Your Response

1. Are you IN the Kingdom?
Have you “been converted and become like a child”?
2. Do you want to become “great” in the Kingdom?
3. Are you welcoming the lowest of the low?