

Sermon Text: Mark 10:35-45
Sermon Title: The Matchless World Cup
3 perspectives

I. THE SHOCKING CORRUPTION OF ITS CHARACTER 35-37
A. THE STARTLING ARROGANCE 35

The Drama– dramatic present tense. The Daring–bold, blunt; puzzling and presumptuous; no limits

B. THE SIMPLE ANSWER 36

Be specific! – as if he didn't know their hearts, Jn 2:24-25; etc. Testing them to see if they're in sync re his mission

C. THE SELFISH AMBITION 37

Cf. Mt 20:20-21. For Prominence– Celebrity status. For Power. For Privilege– seeking self-advancement when Christ about to drink the cup on cross. Forgot his predictions, 8:31-33; 9:30-32; 10:32-34. A corrupt Theology of Glory (9:33-37) marked by rampant individualism vs a Theology of the Cross

II. THE SOLEMN CORRECTION REGARDING ITS CAUSE 38-41
A. THE POINTED REBUKE 38

His Censure, His Challenge– cup of God's wrath against sin, Ps 75:8; Isa 51:17-23; Rev 14:9-10; a world cup, Jer 25:15-17, 19-26, 27-28; Repulsive, etc., Mk 14:36. Baptism = similar idea, , distress, Lk 12: 50. Matchless world cup= our only hope; Jn 1:29, 36; 3:16. Drinks the cup, all, not simply sipped, savored, sampled for the elect from all nations of the world

B. THE POWERFUL RECTIFICATION 39-40

Their Ignorance– energetic, empty bravado. Its Inescapability – Jn 18:11; Gethsemane – Mk 14:36 et par His Insistence– servant not greater than master, Jn 15:20; 2 Tim 2:12. The Initiative– and prerogative of my Father

C. THE PEEVED RESPONSE 41

Visible and vocal indignation, resentment

III. THE SPLENDID CONFIRMATION OF ITS CRITERIA 42-45

The cup of Christ introduces new criteria for his disciples. These are of a heavenly, eternal design and are in conflict with the world's principles.

A. REJECT ITS CONTRARY PRACTICE 42-43A

Considered = seemed to be, reputed, Gal 2:2, 6, 9. World's way. Its Oppressive Way– lord it down; exercise rigid authority, even tyrannize, Its Objectionable Way– not to be reflected, present among you; reject the world systems and standards.

B. REMEMBER ITS CONTROLLING PARADOX 43B-44

A complete reversal of the world's Standard Operational Procedure. The cup enjoins us to remember = uphold the paradoxical principles of discipleship– see Mk 8:34-35; 9:35-37; and parallels. Greatness achieved by pursuing course of action exactly opposite to the world's; in going in a different direction from the world; in radical self-giving not wretched self-serving

C. REVERE ITS CROWNING PARADIGM 45

Servanthood = the foundational disposition; humiliating service to the glory of God. Our Supreme Servant– see Mt 20:28; Son of Man fulfills Dan 7:13-14. Our Suffering Servant– fulfilling Isa 53:5, 7-8, 10-11. The Substitutionary Servant– to purchase back or redeem from slavery; recall Isa 53:4-6, 11-12. The Subjugating Servant– he drinks cup of God's wrath voluntarily, vicariously, victoriously, conquering his enemies and offers those believing on him, the cup of blessing, 1 Cor 10:16 and of salvation, Ps 116:12-13.

Matchless world cup– once for all sacrifice; not repeated every 4 years; no extra time; no overtime; no penalty kicks. For all nations, not simply 32. Matchless= no contest! Col 2:15; Rom 16:20 fulfilling Gen 3:15.