

THE THEOLOGY OF THE CROSS *from* MARK 10:35-45
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Sometimes, what appears to be the main theme of a text may indeed only be the stimulant for something else. The disciples are exhibiting ambitious motives related to unclear spiritual vision. Indeed, there are rewards to be gained in faithfully following Christ, but those rewards should never be our motive for faithfulness and service. They may not like what they hear, but Jesus reveals that they should be ready to expect a cross, for the servant is not greater than his Lord. While the disciples have misunderstood Christ's calling and destiny, it is clear that they misunderstand their own calling and destiny as well.

1. The Request (10:35-37)

2. The Refusal (10:38-39)

3. The Restriction (10:40)

4. The Reaction (10:41)

5. The Review (10:42-45)