

## Get Jesus Right

**Mark 9:14-50**

**Three Ways the Disciples Got Jesus Wrong:**

**1. Unbelief: Getting Wrong Who Jesus Is (vv. 14-29)**

“The prayer of a Christian is...a humble acknowledgement of helplessness and dependence. When we are on our knees, we know that it is not we who control the world; it is not in our power, therefore, to supply our needs by our own independent efforts; every good thing that we desire for ourselves and for others must be sought from God, and will come, if it comes at all, as a gift from His hands.”<sup>1</sup>

**2. Ignorance: Getting Wrong What Jesus Came To Do (vv. 30-32)**

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<sup>1</sup> J.I. Packer, *Evangelism & The Sovereignty of God*, p.11

### 3. Pride: Getting Wrong How Jesus Wants His Followers to Live (vv. 33-50)

“As sinfully and culturally defined, pursuing greatness looks like this: Individuals motivated by self-interest, self-indulgence, and a false sense of self-sufficiency, pursue selfish ambition for the purpose of self-glorification. Contrast that with the pursuit of true greatness as biblically defined: *Serving others for the glory of God*. This is the genuine expression of humility; this is true greatness as the Savior defined it.”<sup>2</sup>

#### *Discussion/Application Questions:*

1. How does this passage reveal who Jesus is, what He came to do, and how He wants His followers to live?
2. How does Jesus define true greatness?
3. Where have you seen an example of true greatness recently? Be sure to encourage the person who is demonstrating such Christ-like character.
4. Where in your life do you believe God wants you to grow in being “last of all and servant of all”? At home? At school or work? In CG? What’s one step you can take?

**Next Week: How Not to Come to Jesus, Mark 10:1-31**

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<sup>2</sup> C.J. Mahaney, *Humility: True Greatness*, p.44

