

# **Eucharistic Homily**

**Mark 10:32-52**

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When James and John asked to be seated at Jesus' right and left when He entered His glory, they had no idea what they were asking for. They didn't realize that Jesus was going to be crowned king in Jerusalem, but that His crown would be made of thorns. They couldn't comprehend the idea that Jesus' cross would be His throne. They didn't know that they were asking to be crucified with Jesus.

Jesus assured them that they would drink of His cup and share in His baptism. But the good news of the gospel is that the cup of God's wrath has been drained to the dregs. Jesus has emptied the cup of God's judgment for us and filled it up with His own blood—the blood of the new covenant. The cup that Jesus gives us is now a cup of blessing, by which we receive the benefits of Christ's death as our ransom.

But sharing in the cup of Jesus still involves sacrifice and service. We receive all the benefits of Christ's atoning work for us precisely so that we are enabled and empowered to lay down our lives for the sake of the gospel and for the good of our neighbor. Jesus calls us to die to our sin and die to our selfish ambition so that we can truly live. This is how we are conformed to the likeness of our suffering Savior.

If you've been baptized into Christ and are seeking to live faithfully and obediently for Him, you are welcome to this feast that Christ has prepared for us.

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