

**Sermon Notes**

**Providence Community Church**

6-21-15 Ken Carlton

**Title:** SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

**Main Text:** Matthew 20:17-28

**Sermon Description:** The road to regeneration goes through the cross and there are no exceptions, detours, or alternate routes of any kind, much to our carnal dismay. This chapter in Matthew's gospel leading up to Calvary employs the occasion of Christ's journey to Jerusalem to redirect our attention and affections. Lest His disciples be distracted by the perceived glory of judging from 12 thrones (Mt 19:28), Jesus utilizes the divinely orchestrated sequence of events at this time to emphasize truth for all time. Calvin comments on these passages by saying: "Is he not worse than stupid who amidst so many deaths, entertains himself at ease by drawing pictures of triumph?" "...for as in battle, the greatest coward is the keenest to seize the booty, so in the Kingdom of Christ, none are more eager to obtain the superiority than those who shrink from all the annoyance which attends toil. Most properly, therefore, does Christ enjoin those who were puffed up with vain glory to keep by their post."

**Heading: TEACHABLE MOMENTS ON THE ROAD TO CALVARY...**

**1. ASCENT TO JERUSALEM** (17) "...going up to Jerusalem..."

a. Journey setting

b. Prophetic significance (Ps 130)

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**2. JESUS INTERJECTS** (17-19) "...took the 12 disciples aside..."

a. Condemnation

b. Crucifixion (Mt 10:38, 16:24)

c. Resurrection

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**3. A MOTHER INTERRUPTS** (20-24) "...kneeling before Him..."

a. Selfishness

b. Sobering cup (Ps 75:8, Is 51:17,22, Jer 25:25-29, Rev 16:19, Jn 18:11)

c. Sovereignty

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**4. JESUS CORRECTS** (25-28) "...called them to Him..."

a. Kingdom contrasts

b. Ransom price (I Pet 1:18, Ps 49:8-9,15, Ps 130)

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Close: In stark contrast to the approach of Jame's and John's mother to the glory of the Messiah, is the response of the 4 living creatures & the 24 elders pictured in Rev 5:8-14. They fall down before the lamb and praise Him as they consider the once for all slain lamb and the ransoming power of His precious blood encouraging the saints to endure all things until the full effect of His work is manifest in heaven, earth, and history!

**FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:
Song of ascent	Ascent to Jerusalem	Gospel prophesied	Interruption	Jesus corrects	True worship
Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:
Ps 130	Mt 20:17, 21:1-5	Mt 20:17-19	Mt 20:20-24	Mt 20:25-28	Rev 5:8-14

**FURTHER STUDY:** see 'Excerpts' posted weekly at [providencecrosslake.com](http://providencecrosslake.com)

**NEXT WEEK:** Mat 20:29-34