

# The Story & Way of Jesus

#### **Jesus & Vocation**

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When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

	Jesus tells the disciples the plan.	Disciples react, usually poorly.	Jesus responds with a lesson on dying to self.
Ch. 8	Jesus tells them He will suffer, be rejected, killed, and will rise after three days.	Peter rebukes Jesus.	"Get behind me Satan!" Deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow me.
Ch. 9	Jesus tells them He will be delivered, killed, and will rise after three days.	Disciples are confused and afraid, arguing "who is the greatest?"	The first shall be last, the last shall be first.

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#### Mark 1:9-11

At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

You are on the planet first to be a receiver, and then an extender of God's love.

We don't build our vocation around that which is Good, Beautiful, and True as abstract, aesthetic ideas. We receive our vocation from God through Jesus – who is the embodiment of Goodness, Beauty, and Truth.

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#### John 15:15

I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

# Philippians 1:6

He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.