

# Dig-a-bit Month 8 Episode 1

## Conversations: Salome's Place of Honor

[00:00:00] If you're studying along in month eight, I believe is where we are. We are in our conversation study the woman that. Is of interest right now is Salome the wife of Zebedee, the mother of James and John, and she comes to Jesus in Matthew chapter 20 with a request for her sons also recorded, I believe in Mark 10, and she asked Jesus in verses 20 and 21 if her sons.

Her two sons could sit the one on his right hand and the other on the left of Jesus in his kingdom. Well, that's an interesting request, but perhaps it's based on a statement that Jesus made earlier. We read in verse 28 of chapter 19, just the previous chapter where Jesus said that those who have followed me.

In the regeneration when the son of man sits in the throne of his glory can also sit upon 12 thrones judging the 12 tribes of Israel, I believe maybe the cogs started turning in Salome's [00:01:00] head. Maybe she started thinking about the fact that her sons might be the ones who were honored to sit on the thrones that were closest to Jesus.

Have to think. We must give her a break here because most of us. Listening probably are mothers, and we do want what is the best for our children. And certainly if our children could be the closest to Jesus, that would be an honorary position for them, and I think it would be a temptation for all of us to want that for our children.

But I do think she was pretty bold to go to Jesus and ask. Such a thing in the presence of the other apostles and say, could my son sit on the Thrones closest to yours? And from Mark, we read that her sons were very much involved in the question, and they were very much listening for the answer. Because when Jesus answered, then the sons themselves answered back.

I just wanna say a couple of things about this that are, to me profound. She was asking [00:02:00] for. The places of honor at the sides of Jesus, but she didn't understand that what she was really asking for to be the greatest in the kingdom would be the suffering, the persecution of her sons, because Jesus answered back in verse 22, of Matthew 20, and said, you don't know what you're asking.

Are you able to drink of the cup that I'm gonna drink of, or I'm about to drink? Are you able to be baptized with the baptism that I'm baptized with? And they said to him, the sons said to him, oh, oh yes, we are. Abel, well, they didn't understand what they were asking for. They didn't even know that what she was asking for to be right beside Jesus would be to endure what Jesus was about to endure.

His death on the cross, the persecution of. His fleshly body and the [00:03:00] death of his fleshly body. And he said, are you able to endure all of that? And they said, yes, we are able. And he said, you will drink of it. You will be persecuted this way. And you will be baptized with the baptism that I'm baptized with.

But to sit on my right hand and on my left is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it's prepared of my father. So what Jesus is saying here is that. You are going to be persecuted, you are going to die. The death that I'm going to die, the death of persecution.

And it's interesting that when we get over to Acts chapter 12, James is run through with a sword by Herod because of his allegiance to Christ. Herod runs James through with a sword, and he becomes a martyr because of his allegiance to Jesus Christ because of his preaching of the [00:04:00] cross. John, the other son, for whom she asked, we believe, lived to be a very old man, the only apostle who died in an old age without being a martyr here on this earth.

So really the son, which received the most honor as a martyr was James. I think it is interesting that when we get to the end of our lesson and we go to revelation chapter six. We do read about the honor being bestowed upon James and Honor that his mother didn't even know she was asking for when she asked this question in Matthew chapter 20.

So when we get over to Revelation chapter six, we're read reading about these martyrs, these who gave their lives in the [00:05:00] cause of Christ. And we get to verse nine. And when he had opened the fifth seal, this is in heaven, after Christ has returned to heaven, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held, and they cried with a loud voice saying, how long, oh Lord, holy and true.

How long do you not judge and avenge our blood? On those who are dwelling on the earth and white robes were given unto every one of them, and it was said unto them that they should rest yet for a little season until their fellow servants also and their brethren that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.

Here is the reward. Here is the honor. Here is the white robe that signifies both purity and victory that were given to those who had been slain on the earth and were laying under the [00:06:00] altar in heaven. And they cried. How long? And he said it's gonna be a little while. Because those who are giving their lives for me are not yet finished and the days will be fulfilled.

But here's your white robe. Here's your place of honor. Because you were baptized with the baptism wherewith. I was baptized. You were drinking of the same cup of persecution and death of which I drank. It was the lamb verse one of Revelation six, who gave out this honor? Oh, Jesus said The seat on my right hand and on my left is not mine to give, but he certainly had a presentation here.

He hurt. Certainly had something that he was going to give them. Those martyred souls who did drink the cup. Just a profound passage. Another [00:07:00] profound thing about Salome is that she was at the foot of the cross. She was there. We, in our lesson, we have the passages that placed her at the foot of the cross, and there was somebody on Jesus' left hand when she looked up there and there was somebody on his right hand.

And you remember that those were the thieves. Do you think it passed through her mind at that moment that she had asked for those places at the right hand and the left hand of Jesus for her own sons? I bet it did. I bet she thought, oh, I. Here's the seat. Here's the place at the right hand and the left hand of Jesus.

I think Leah Wright was the one who mentioned this in our study together. Profound thoughts about Salome. I hope that you have a good rest of the month study. And we are, I am gleaning much from looking at these conversations that Jesus had with women.

Have a good [00:08:00] one.