

Where's Your Chair?

Mark 9 30-37



Save me, O God, by your name and vindicate me by your power.
Hear my prayer, O God; give heed to the words of my mouth.
Psalm 54:1-2

Praising:

Meekness and majesty, manhood
and deity,
in perfect harmony – the man
who is God:
Lord of eternity dwells in
humanity, kneels in humility
and washes our feet.
O what a mystery, meekness and
majesty,
bow down and worship, for this is
your God, this is your God!

Reading:

Mark 9:30-37
True greatness

The disciples' childish reaction of
silence takes us all back to those
moments growing up when we
were caught in the act of doing
something we shouldn't and
thought the best policy was to say
nothing. But their argument

reveals why they couldn't
understand what Jesus had been
explaining about having to be
betrayed and killed. So far as
they were concerned, if Jesus
was the Messiah then victory was
just around the corner. That
meant they would be on the
winning side. What they don't yet
grasp is that Christ's betrayal and
killing are the route to his victory.
In due course they will come to
see that the world's
understanding of success and
failure is not God's. From the
spiritual perspective, a
competition to come first is really
a competition to come last.

Listening:

Praying:

We pray today Lord

- for those driven by position,
success and achievement
- for those living with failure,
rejection or unfulfilled ambition
- for those who take the side of
the underdogs, the overlooked
and the also-rans

Father, whenever I'm tempted to
see myself as better than
someone else, show me all the
ways they are better than me,
and then remind me that Christ
died for us both. Amen

Doing: