Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to Jesus with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favor of him. 21 And he said to her, “What do you want?” She said to him, “Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.”

But Jesus answered, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?” They said to him, “We are able.” 23 He said to them, “You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.”

When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. 25 But Jesus called them to him and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles

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lord it o-ver them, and their great ones are tyrants o-ver them. 26 It will not be so a-mong you;

but whoever wishes to be great a-mong you must be your serv-ant, 27 and whoever wishes to be first a-mong you must be your slave; 28 just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ran-som for man-y.”

℣ The Gos-pel of the Lord. Ὄ Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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