

GOSPEL: (Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45)

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you."

He replied, "What do you wish me to do for you?"

They answered him, "Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left."

Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?"

They said to him, "We can."

Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink, you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right or at my left is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they became indignant at James and John. Jesus summoned them and said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

ST. FAUSTINA NOTED IN HER DIARY (D. 184, 282, 267, 270)

I keep company with you as a child to teach you humility and simplicity.

I see every abasement of your soul, and nothing escapes my attention. I lift up the humble even to My very throne, because I want it so.

He who wants to learn true humility should reflect upon the Passion of Jesus. Without humility, we cannot be pleasing to God. Practice the third degree of humility; that is, not only must one refrain from explaining and defending oneself when reproached with something, but one should rejoice at the humiliation. ...True works of God always meet opposition and are marked by suffering. If God wants to accomplish something, sooner or later He will do so in spite of the difficulties. Your part, in the meantime, is to arm yourself with great patience.

- ➡ Without humility, we cannot be pleasing to God, wrote St. Faustina. God lifts up the humble to His throne. Am I aware of my pride and ask for the gift of a humble and simple heart?
- ➡ I will thank Jesus for His Words and ask for the gift of the Holy Spirit to cleanse me from every pride and haughtiness.