

# Advent from Jesus' s Own Words: This is Why I Came to You

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## I Came to Model Servanthood

Matthew 20:28

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Core value: Jesus-Centered

The Son of Man did not come to be served,  
but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.



Matthew 20:20-28

**Upside-down thinking among Jesus' followers prompts Him to tell them about right-side up living.**

### **Upside-down thinking:**

<sup>21</sup> ...Command that in Your kingdom these two sons of mine may sit one on Your right and one on Your left.

<sup>25</sup> ...You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and *their* great men exercise authority over them.

### **Correction:**

<sup>26</sup> "It is not this way among you...

### **Right-side up living:**

<sup>26</sup>... But whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant, <sup>27</sup> and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave.

### **Right-side up model 1.0:**

<sup>28</sup> just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

### **Right-side up model 2.0**

**Philippians 2:3-8** Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; <sup>4</sup> do not *merely* look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. <sup>5</sup> **Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,** <sup>6</sup> who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but [This is why Jesus came] emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, *and* being made in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup> Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

### **Right-side up living in action** (Matthew 20:29-34)

As they were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed Him. <sup>30</sup> And two blind men sitting by the road, hearing that Jesus was passing by, cried out, "Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!" <sup>31</sup> The crowd sternly told them to be quiet, but they cried out all the more, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!" <sup>32</sup> And Jesus stopped and called them, and said, "What do you want Me to do for you?" <sup>33</sup> They said to Him, "Lord, *we want* our eyes to be opened." <sup>34</sup> **Moved with compassion,** Jesus touched their eyes; and immediately they regained their sight and followed Him.

### **A great model for us at Christmas**

- ✓ **Am I available and healthy to hear the cry?**
- ✓ **Am I asking the question, "What can I do?" this Christmas?**
- ✓ **Am I moved with compassion this Christmas?**