

## **SERMON: A RANSOM FOR MANY**

### **Mark 10: 44-45**

**(44) And whosoever of you will be chiefest, shall be servant of all. (45) For even the son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many.**

### **Introduction**

Recently, there have been several incidents of ransomware crippling the computer systems of corporations and city governments. These malicious acts prevent the administrators and legitimate end users from accessing the files because a criminal group has encrypted the data. Literally, a hacker invades the system's software and takes control of it and will not release control until a ransom is paid. These hacks disrupt critical operations and possibly destroy important data. The organizations that have experienced a ransomware attack never disclose whether or not they paid the ransom. You will never know if their software engineers neutralized the ransomware or if the ransom was paid to the crooks. There is always the fear that even when the ransom is paid or the ransomware neutralized, the files could have already been copied and distributed on the dark web.

The individuals that corrupt computer systems are diabolical geniuses. This is why we need more divine geniuses; people who will use their talent and training to the glory of God. Jesus addressed this concern in Luke 16:8. To paraphrase our Savior: "In many cases the people of the world are more organized, strategic, and thorough than the people of the church."

There are many ways to look at the atoning work of Jesus, Our Savior. In this sermon, we see His death on the cross as the payment of a ransom to free us from being hostages of the evil one. When a ransom is demanded, there must be a hostage. The hostage can be a person, a valuable item, or the data of a computer system.

Through the disobedience of Adam and Eve, humankind became the hostages of the evil one. Jesus was the only one who was qualified to pay the demand of the ransom. Only His precious blood had enough intrinsic value to fully pay the price.

Jesus came to earth and did many things-all of them good. He healed the sick; made the lame walk. He performed many miracles. His primary purpose, however, was to die for our sins and give us eternal life. This was His main mission. All other things were secondary.

## **Exposition**

- 1. He Gave His Life Voluntarily.  
(John 10:17-18.)**
  
- 2. He Glorified A Universal Principle.  
(John 12:24.)**
  
- 3. He Was More Than A Martyr.  
(Colossians 2:9.)  
(He Is Our Lord And Savior.)  
(There Was A Plan.)  
(There Was A Purpose.)**

## **Closing Thoughts**

We are free. We have been released. We are free from the power of sin. We are free from the eternal penalty of sin. It is amazing: Christ has suffered and we, the unworthy, have benefitted from His suffering. I guess that's why they call it amazing grace. Give God Glory! Give God All The Glory!

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