

BEWARE OF THE

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Who Do You Care About?  
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**20** Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came up to him with her sons, and kneeling before him she asked him for something. **21** And he said to her, “What do you want?” She said to him, “Say that these two sons of mine are to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.” **22** Jesus answered, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am to drink?” They said to him, “We are able.” **23** He said to them, “You will drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.” **24** And when the ten heard it, they were indignant at the two brothers. **25** But Jesus called them to him and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. **26** It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, **27** and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, **28** even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

The Son came because the Father sent Him

- “even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many” (v. 28).
  - Divine Pre-existence
  - Intentional Mission

- “Temporal missions of the Son and the Spirit make known the eternal processions of the son and the Spirit” (Fred Sanders, *The Triune God*, 112).
- Jesus obediently came
  - “4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. 6 And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, ‘Abba! Father!’ 7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God” (Galatians 4:4–7).
- Jesus humbly came
  - “5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross” (Philippians 2:5–8).

#### We go because the Son has sent us

- “21 Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.’ 22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit’” (John 20:21–22).
- We must obediently go
  - “18 And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age’” (Matthew 28:18–20).
- It is our responsibility to go.
- We must humbly go
  - “Evangelism is just one beggar telling another beggar where to find bread” —D. T. Niles
- It should be our desire to go.

#### Who do you care about?

- But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”
  - Jerusalem – HERE
  - In all Judea – NEAR
  - Samaria – THERE
  - To the end of the earth – EVERYWHERE

To slay the Me Monster you must obediently go where you are sent.