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The costliness of real love

Isaiah 64:6 All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away.

Romans 5:6 (RSV) While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

⁷ *Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man -- though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die.*

⁸ *But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.*

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Ransom

Mark—part 12

Mark 10

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Why did Jesus have to die on the cross?

Mark 10:32 They were on their way up to Jerusalem, with Jesus leading the way, and the disciples were astonished, while those who followed were afraid. Again he took the Twelve aside and told them what was going to happen to him. (33) "We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles, ³⁴ who will mock him and spit on him, flog him and kill him. Three days later he will rise."

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"Ransom" –

Hebrews 9:22 In fact, the law requires that nearly

everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

Illustrating the need for the cross

Mark 10:35 Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask."

■ *Mark 10:36 "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked.*

Mark 10:37 They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory."

The cup and the baptism

Mark 10:38 "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?"

"Cup" -

"Baptism" -

■ *Mark 10:39a "We can," they answered.*

Mark 10:39b Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with,

■ *Mark 10:40 ... but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared."*

Mark 10:41 When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John.

■ **The clanging bells of self**

Mark 10:42 Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them.

■ *Mark 10:43 Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all.*
