

## WOMEN OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

# SALOME

**Pray** and ask God to help you to know Him better as you study His Word.

**Read** the Bible passage (preferably without using commentaries).

**Begin** to answer the questions using your own words.

*Questions are based on the New International Version (NIV) 2011 edition.*

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### LESSON 14

1. What truth, verse or insight from last week's study of the **Canaanite Mother and Blind Man's Mother** was helpful to you?

#### SECTION I: Read Matthew 20:20-21

Note: The name of the "mother of Zebedee's sons" was Salome.

2. According to **V20**, who came to Jesus and why?
3. Given her physical posture, how would you describe the attitude behind her approach to Jesus?
4. a) What did Salome request of Jesus in **V21**?  
  
b) In your own words, what was she asking?
5. In your opinion, what did she seem to believe about Jesus' Kingdom?
6. What character traits do you see in Salome, and how do you identify with any of them?

#### SECTION II: Read Matthew 20:22-23

7. a) Summarize Jesus' response, as well as the brothers' responses in **V22-23**.

7. b) Jesus said to Salome, “You don’t know what you’re asking.” How might this be a caution regarding recent requests you’ve made for yourself or loved ones?
8. What did Jesus mean by “drink from My cup”? (See **Matthew 26:36-39** and **John 18:4-11.**)
9. a) Read **Mark 15:33-40** and **Matthew 27:55-56**. Which women were witnesses to the ultimate cup that Jesus drank?
- b) What further insight does this give you into Salome’s character?

### **SECTION III: Read Matthew 20:24-28**

10. Who seems to be within earshot of the conversation between Jesus, Salome, James and John in **V24**?
11. a) What ripple effect came about from her desire to elevate her sons?
- b) Where or when have you seen similar repercussions?
12. In **V25-27**, what point was Jesus making about true authority, honor, and service?
13. Although Jesus had the ultimate position, title, and authority, what example does He verbalize in **V28**?
14. List examples of people today who seem to exemplify His servant’s heart.
15. Jesus surfaced the tension of wanting to be served versus serving others. Where are you wrestling with that tension?

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16. In your opinion, what kind of impact did it have on Salome and her sons to see Jesus humble Himself as the ultimate servant, to the point of dying on the cross?
17. a) How does **Mark 16:1-2** show that Salome put into action what she learned from Jesus in **V26-28**?
- b) As you read the rest of what happened at the tomb in **Mark 16:3-7**, what reward did she receive as she served?
18. There is a mixture of the “good, bad, and ugly” in Salome’s story. What’s your “take home” from her life?
19. Write a prayer based on this lesson.

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### DIGGING DEEPER

1. Salome desired greatness for her sons (and perhaps indirectly for herself). How does Jesus define greatness in **Matthew 18:1-5**?
2. From the beginning of time, what propensity do you see in mankind?
- Genesis 3:1-6** (especially **V5**) \_\_\_\_\_
- Genesis 11:1-4** \_\_\_\_\_
3. The story of Haman is an extreme example of a man consumed with wanting to be honored. What do you learn from the following passages:
- Esther 3:1-2** and **5:9-13** \_\_\_\_\_
- Esther 6:6-10** \_\_\_\_\_
4. Contrast how Saul and David viewed their position and title as the king of Israel:
- 1 Samuel 18:6-9** \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Samuel 5:12** \_\_\_\_\_
5. Suggested Memory Verse: **Matthew 20:26b**

