

"We have gotten away from that tension so long ago and so completely, that we no longer remember what it is. The victory has been so long delayed that we no longer believe in its coming, and are content to nurture ourselves if, perchance, we may only survive. Or we have been filled with brash confidence that the victory was in our grasp if only we would launch programs energetic enough to win it—as if by programs we hoped to conquer the world, and to make it the sort of world in which we might comfortably carry on programs. But of the New Testament tension we know nothing."

John Bright

D.A. Carson writes of an interview he conducted with two very influential Christian leaders: Carl F. H. Henry and Kenneth S. Kantzer. He asks them how they guard against the pride that can come with successful ministry. He writes, "Both spluttered in deep embarrassment. And then one of them ventured, with a kind of gentle outrage, 'How on earth can anyone be arrogant when standing beside the cross?' That was the great moment, not least because it was so spontaneous. These men had retained their integrity precisely because they knew their attitude should be the same as that of Jesus Christ. They knew that they had been called not only to believe in Christ but also to suffer for him. If their Master had viewed equality with God not as something to be exploited for personal advantage but as the basis for the humiliating path to the cross, how could they view influential posts of Christian leadership as something they should exploit for personal advantage? We are called not only to believe on Christ but also to suffer for him."

D.A. Carson

Men and women must be humbled; they must be reduced; self must be crucified; and it is only at the cross that this happens.

D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Isaac Watts

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Luke 22:24-38

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# Kids Notes

## The Passover Road

### The Questions

Answer the following questions. The answers are on the back.

- Jesus says that true greatness is:
  - ruling your own land.
  - being a servant just like He was.
  - being the one who gets to be served by others.
  - winning the Super Bowl and then going to Disneyland.
- Peter's faith in Jesus will not fail because:
  - Peter is the man!
  - Peter cannot sin.
  - Peter can pick up a chariot with one arm.
  - Jesus prays for Peter.
- Jesus says that the road ahead of them will be:
  - hard and with many trials.
  - easy...like taking candy from a baby.
  - hopeless...they might as well give up.
  - nothing...there were no roads in Israel.

For Family Discussion: Jesus showed through his death on the cross that greatness and victory comes through service and sacrifice. God exalts those who humbly serve and lowers those who pridefully boast in their own greatness. Are you a humble servant or a prideful boaster? How does this show up in your daily life?

Space to Doodle

## Did You Hear It?

Mark the times you hear these key words:

PASSOVER _____	TOTAL: _____
GREATNESS _____	_____
KINGDOM _____	_____
ROAD _____	_____
PETER _____	_____
SERVICE _____	_____

## Word Search

Find the following words in the scramble below. Letters are sometimes used twice, and words may go around corners.

SERVANT PASSOVER AARDVARK TABLE KINGDOM PETER JESUS  
ROAD SWORD PRAY JUDGE JOURNEY ISRAEL RULE MONKEY  
RECLINE CROW COAT MONEYBELT SIMON FULFILLED KING  
LEADER DISPUTE SUPPER DEATH GREATEST PRISON FAITH  
ROOSTER

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F R R E T S O O R Y A R P C O O Y
U Y I R F J S E T U P S I D J S I
K K I N G A S D E L L I F L U F P
L R E V O S S A P H Z U Q V V S E
E S G I J V L E A D E R D A O R T
A N D P W R F Y E N R U O J N N E
R W U H T A E D H A Y O W W O Z R
S O J T A O C O S A H B A S M M K
I R H L E O J O K R D Q I J I L O
A C Q N O E W O R D Q R A S S E Z
U K I N G D O M E V P V G L K O Y
Z J N S U S E J C A T N A V R E S
E L U R T E E E L R E P P U S W N
A V X B L S D Q I K U V T D K E I
R Y Q E L B A T N Z F A I T H U O
R P V L W P X S E K Y E K N O M S
Q N C D R O W S O P M X H I D N A
  
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