




# Greatness In Topsy-Turveydom

Matthew 20:25-28, John 13:12-17

A stylized illustration at the top of the slide features a large, bright yellow sun with a blue circle in its center, partially obscured by blue and white clouds. The background is a solid blue color with faint, light blue squares.

The other night, from cares exempt,  
I slept—and what d'you think I dreamt?  
I dreamt that somehow I had come  
To dwell in Topsy-Turveydom!—

Where vice is virtue—virtue, vice:  
Where nice is nasty—nasty, nice:  
Where right is wrong and wrong is right—  
Where white is black and black is white.





Acts 17:6

*“These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also.”*





# The Messiah

- Jesus managed to subvert just about everybody's expectations about Him. His ideas on greatness and authority, in particular, were at odds with the world.
- Matthew 20:25-28
- Christ's followers must see authority from a different viewpoint, one that is odd and strange to the "Gentile."



**We come to this mindset because  
we observe the way it worked in the  
life of Jesus (Philippians 2:5-11)**





# The One With All Authority

- John 17:1-2
- Matthew 28:18
- If we think that Jesus emptied Himself of authority or greatness, then we have forgotten the main point:

*It is in service that true greatness is shown*



**John 13:12-17**

**You are blessed if you come to  
understand this act of service.**





# Upside Down Greatness

- Mutual submission in marriage (Eph. 5:21ff).
- Subjection to a government (1 Peter 2:13-17).
- Subjection to an employer (Colossians 3:22-24).
- Subjection to each other in the kingdom.
- Total freedom in Christ (Galatians 5:13-15) to be used BY CHOICE to serve others.