

SABBATH SCHOOL – OCTOBER 11, 2025

MARK 9: 30-50

Review the two main events of the last lesson.

Where had Jesus and the disciples been?

What lessons were to be learned?



Capernaum

Bethsaida

Heptapegon

Gennesaret

Taricheae

Gergesa

Sea of Galilee

Hippos

Tiberias

Hamat Tiberias

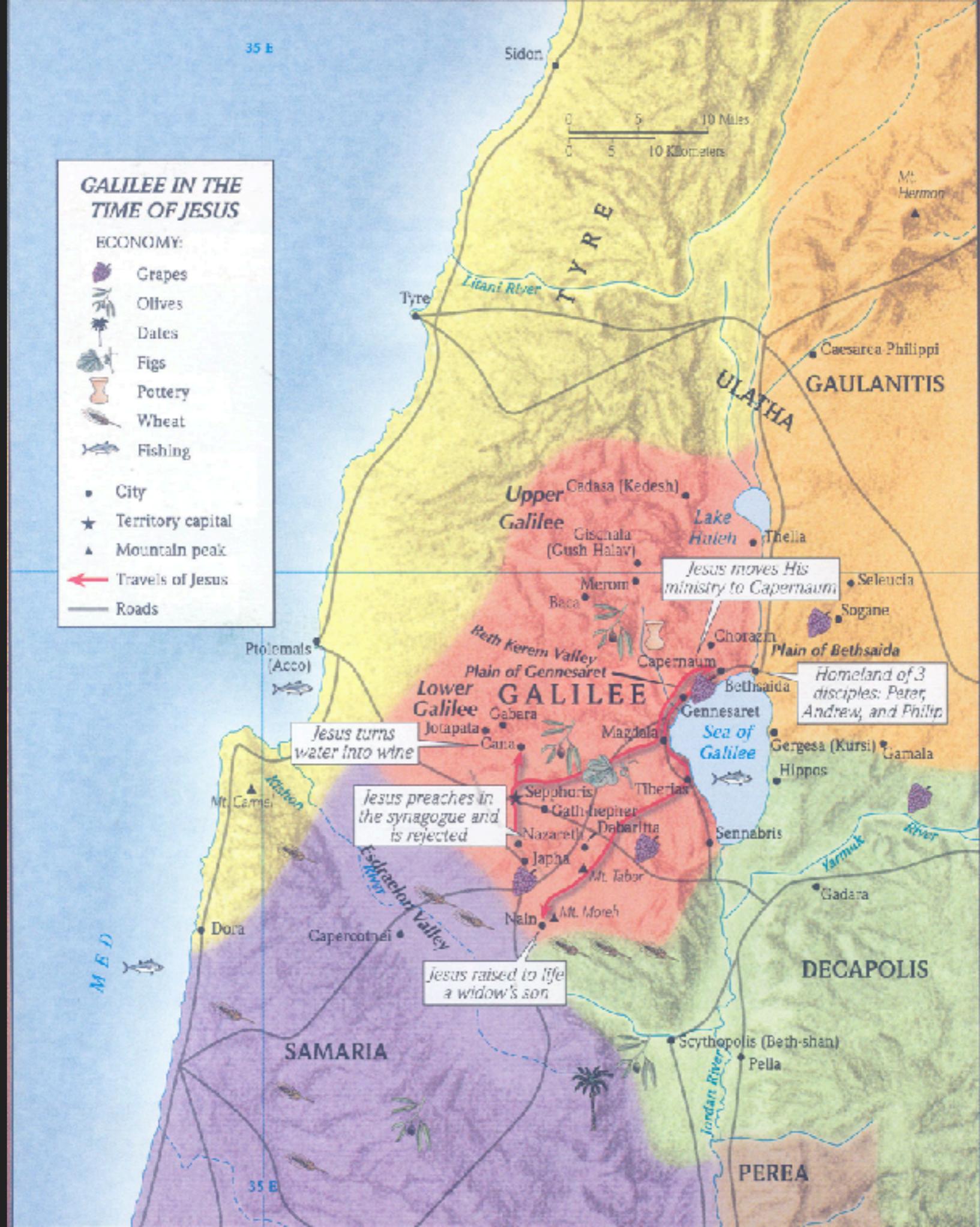
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GALILEE IN THE TIME OF JESUS

ECONOMY:

-  Grapes
-  Olives
-  Dates
-  Figs
-  Pottery
-  Wheat
-  Fishing

-  City
-  Territory capital
-  Mountain peak
-  Travels of Jesus
-  Roads



CHRIST'S SUFFERINGS FORETOLD

What did Jesus say would happen to him?

Mark 9:31

Did the disciples wish to receive this news?

Were they able to grasp or understand this teaching of Jesus? Why or Why not?
(Matthew 17:23)

Mark 9:31 – What does it mean to kill?

ἀποκτείνω (*apokteinō*): to cause someone's death, normally by violent means

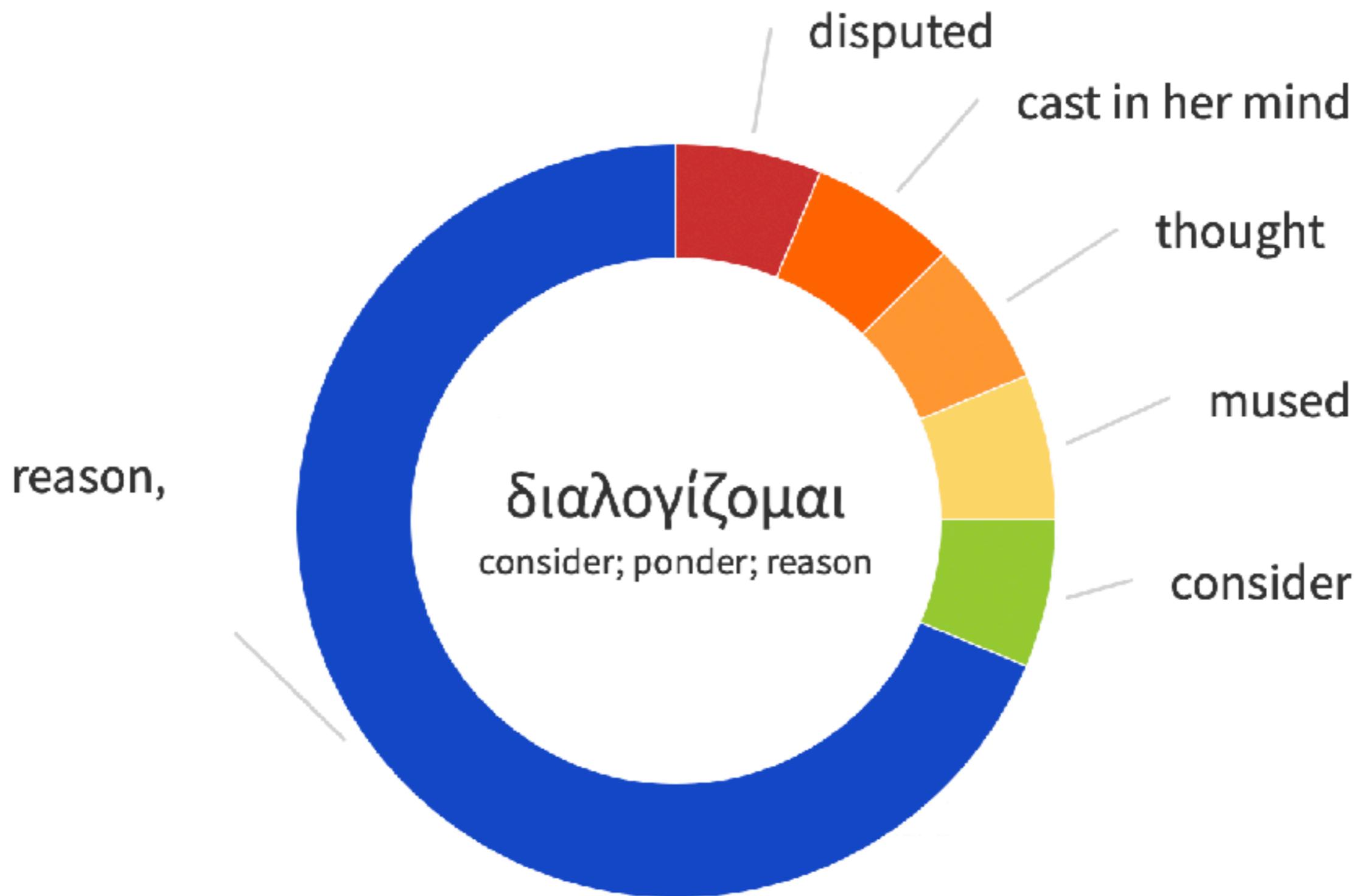
THE GREATNESS OF LITTLENESS

What did Jesus ask his disciples?

Mark 9:33

Disputed: διαλογίζομαι *dialogizomai*

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to engage in speech interchange,
converse, discuss, argue

What had been the subject of the discussion?

Verse 34

If Jesus had delegated any special authority to one of the disciples above the others, we should not find them so often contending as to who should be the greatest. They would have submitted to the wish of their Master, and honored the one whom He had chosen. (*The Desire of Ages*, p. 414.1)

Matthew 23:8, 10; 1 Corinthians 11:3;
Ephesians 1:22, 23

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The lowest criminals were required to bear the cross to the place of execution; and often as it was about to be laid upon their shoulders, they resisted with desperate violence, until they were overpowered, and the instrument of torture was bound upon them. But Jesus bade His followers take up the cross and bear it after Him. To the disciples His words, though dimly comprehended, pointed to their submission to the most bitter humiliation,—submission even unto death for the sake of Christ.

No more complete self-surrender could the Saviour's words have pictured. But all this He had accepted for them. Jesus did not count heaven a place to be desired while we were lost. He left the heavenly courts for a life of reproach and insult, and a death of shame. He who was rich in heaven's priceless treasure, became poor, that through His poverty we might be rich. We are to follow in the path He trod. (*The Desire of Ages*, p. 416.3)

Should Christians want to be first? Why or why not?

Does the world agree with this?

The attitude God desires: Psalm 111:10; 119:98-100;

Prov. 16:32

In what two points is true love shown?

1 John 5:3; John 14:15, 23;

John 3:16; 1 John 4:8–10.

Keeping the commandments is not a definition of perfection, but it is a result or fruit of love.

How does God regard those who are thus
truly humble? Isaiah 57: 15;

a contrite and humble spirit,

Crushed Low or base

Psalm 51: 17

A broken and a contrite heart. . .

To break to crush

Matthew 20:28 (KJV) – 28 Even as
the Son of man came not to be
ministered unto, but to minister, and to
give his life a ransom for many.

Exhibited in a life of service for others?

“Whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for My sake and the gospel’s, the same shall save it.” Selfishness is death. No organ of the body could live should it confine its service to itself. The heart, failing to send its lifeblood to the hand and the head, would quickly lose its power. As our lifeblood, so is the love of Christ diffused through every part of His mystical body. We are members one of another, and the soul that refuses to impart will perish. And “what is a man profited,” said Jesus, “if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?” (*The Desire of Ages*, p. 417.2)

Why did Jesus use a child as an illustration of
humility and trust? ----- Mark 9:36,

What change did Jesus say must take place in his disciples and everyone else to fit them for his kingdom? – Matthew 18: 3, 4

In what ways?

1 Corinthians 14:20 (KJV) – 20 Brethren, be not children (*παιδίον paidion*) in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children (*νηπιάζω nēriazō*), but in understanding be men (*τέλειος teleios*).

Does the Christian live after or
model his/her life after the world?
Matthew 20:25-27

Whom are the children of Mark 9:37
of which Jesus speaks?

Mark 9:37

Of what spirit did John and James
manifest when someone was not working
exactly as they thought they should?

How can we apply this today?

Mark 9:41

What did Jesus say about rewards?

Mark 9:42

How dangerous is it to turn people,
especially beginners, away from Christ?

PUTTING AWAY OF STUMBLING-BLOCKS

What were the meaning of Jesus' words in Mark 9:43-48

"Offend" – σκανδαλίζω *skandalizō*: *to put a snare(in the way), hence to cause to stumble, to give offense*

The fire that never shall be quenched.

Note 3

THE PRESERVING AGENT

Mark 9:49-50

Leviticus 2:13