

The Son of Man Coming to Give His Life as a λύτρον (“Ransom”) in Place of Many
(Mark 10:45): What Does This Mean in the Gospel According to Mark?

A. Introduction: the Problem of λύτρον

1. Ransom: Ex 30:12
2. Atonement: Ex 21:30

B. Context: the Central Section of Mark’s Gospel

1. The Three Passion/Resurrection Predictions
2. The Disciples’ Lack of Understanding

C. Textual Analysis

1. Mk 10:45 and its Preceding Context
2. New Thought: From Attitude to Mission; From Example to Purpose
3. Ransom or Atonement?
 - a. Jesus’ Fate and His Purpose/Mission
 - (1) The Self-Designation “Son of Man” as Key
 - (2) OT Background: Is 52-53
 - (3) Fate of the Suffering Servant = Jesus’ Mission
 - b. λύτρον as **Atonement**

4. Confirmation: Mk 10:38

a. The Cup

(1) Allotment

(2) God's Judgment

b. The Baptism

(1) Literal Usage in Mark's Gospel

(2) Metaphoric Usage

5. Further Confirmation and Further Understanding: The Passover, Exodus 12

a. The Lamb as Stand-In

b. The Resulting Liberation of God's People

(1) From What?

(a) Political Oppression?

(b) Satanic Oppression

(c) Thinking the Things of Men (τὰ τῶν ἀνθρώπων)

(2) For What?

(3) How?

(a) Death: Romans 6

(b) Resurrection: Romans 6

(4) The Inner Dynamic: The Spirit

D. Conclusion