

# Lion Man

## SERMON 9

TEXT: Mark 10

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Be sure to use the Mark reading guide as we study through this gospel.
  - Marriage Conference at Redeemer Friday and Saturday, March 16-17. Visit [www.redeemerchurch.com/marriage](http://www.redeemerchurch.com/marriage) for more information.
  - New Life Group – starting Thursday, March 15. Leaders: Seth Holland, Tim and Whitney Sia. Hosted by Turner and Jaclyn Votipka.
  - Baptisms on Easter Sunday, April 1. Contact Dayton to learn more.
  - Begin inviting others to join us for worship Easter Sunday.
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### LEADING OFF...

1. What could you not live without?
2. What do you need to have to make life worth living?
3. What do you find your identity in?

**BIG IDEA: Jesus is the destroyer of the gods.**

### Read Mark 10:13-16

4. Is there anything culturally unusual about the “welcoming of children” in this scene?
5. How would children have been perceived/treated in this culture?
6. What does Jesus mean when he says “receive the kingdom of God like a child”? (v.15)

### Read Mark 10:17-20

7. How might we describe (based on other gospel accounts and bible commentators) the young man who approaches Jesus?
8. Respectability and Righteousness are not the same things. Are you ever tempted to confuse the two? How? Why might we be tempted to confuse the two?
9. What does the man’s question (What must I DO) reveal about his understanding of righteousness or salvation?
10. Why does Jesus question the man for calling him good? What principal does this reveal to us?
11. Why does Jesus remind the young man of the commandments?
12. What does the young man’s response reveal?

### Read Mark 10:21-25

13. What does Jesus tell the young man he lacks? What is Jesus’ point?
14. Is this a universal command for all people at all times?
15. How does the young man respond to Jesus’ command? Why?
16. How do we often respond (or are tempted to respond) when our idols are exposed or we are confronted in our sin?

### Going Deeper: Idolotry

Martin Luther said: “To that which your heart clings is your god.” As we see Jesus expose the young man’s

idolatry, take a few moments (maybe divide into smaller groups or pairs depending on climate of the room) and discuss the following questions to help identify possible idols your life. Remember, idols are often ordinary things we turn into ultimate things:



1. What am I afraid of losing?
2. What, if I lost it, would alter my identity?
3. What, if I gained it, would change my identity?
4. What would I be unwilling to give up without being angry at God?

Prayerfully consider what these questions may reveal, and ask for brothers and sisters to help you turn from any idols exposed by these questions. Remember, killing idols brings sadness before it brings joy. This is a difficult and lengthy process.

#### **Read Mark 10:23-25**

17. Why is it difficult for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God?
18. Would we be considered among the wealthy according to biblical standards?
19. What is surprising about Jesus' statement in these verses?

#### **Read Mark 10:26-27**

20. Why are the disciples astonished?
21. What does Jesus mean in verse 27?

### **Wrapping Up**

#### **Read Mark 10:32-35**

22. What is Jesus reminding the disciples in v. 32-34?
23. What is the response of James and John?
24. What might the response of James and John teach us about our own hearts?

#### **Read Mark 10:41-45**

25. What is Jesus pointing to in these verses?
26. Why does Jesus confront idolatry with the cross?
27. What is the ultimate contrast between idols and the one true God?