

Mark 10:1-27 – 4 July 2021

“Approaching Jesus”

Introduction

- *Jesus is travelling for 3 years teaching (last wk of earthly life begins in Mark 11)
- *Mark 9 was His last week in northern Israel (Galilee)
- *Mark 10 He spends time in Perea east of the Jordan
- *Jesus has begun to reveal His true mission to die
- *Mark 11 Jesus goes to Jerusalem for last week of His life on earth before His death (Hint: He comes back)
- *In Perea in Mark 10, 3 types of people come to Jesus, which we will examine today
- *Interesting that not many people that come to Jesus actually receive His gift of salvation into eternal life

So today, 3 types of people that come to Jesus

1st Type of person that approaches Jesus is The Worker (Vs 1-12)

1. Using a circle diagram w/ center meaning the heart of God & outer edge representing self-effort
2. We represent the worker as thinking he's close to God but really headed toward the edge
3. Always looking at how they can use the "rules" to their advantage, instead of getting to the true meaning of the rules

Read Vs 1-2

1. 'As He wont': means as was His pattern or habit
 - a. His focus for these 3 years has been to teach
 - b. The focus of His help to us is to help us change & grow by showing us the truth vs. lies
2. Read Matt 19:3 – "Any cause?" - Some people ask questions just to stumble another person
 - a. Not b/c they want the answer, but to make themselves look good (I received a phone call)

Read Vs 3-5

1. They're striving to keep the Law AND their rules perfectly, but also seeking fault in others
 - a. They misunderstand the giving of the Law
 - b. The burden of the Law is to lead us to Jesus' perfect work and that we can't
 - c. The burden of the Law isn't for us to slam others, but to help us know the mind of God
2. Divorce – Law allowed for divorce where there was already sin, to limit even more sin
 - a. Exp: Eye for eye was to limit retaliation
 - b. The heart of God is beyond the letter of the Law to the intent of the Law

Read Vs 6-9

1. In the created design is God' perfect will and THAT'S what we should be aiming for
 - a. There's God's grace to cover our sins but always shoot for God's best
 - b. Principle – Always go to the created design

- i. Don't look to church history for how to run church, look to the creation of the church
2. Notice another note: Some argue that Jesus never addressed homosexual relationship
 - a. Certainly, the Law warns of the dangers of the sin of a homosexual lifestyle
 - b. Certainly, Paul does also in Romans 1
 - c. Jesus DOES address the subject right here
 - i. He doesn't mention also other corrupt forms of marriage, He simply speaks of the right way
 - ii. Besides, Jesus wrote it thru Lev and Paul also

Read Vs 10-12

1. Def of Adultery is not genuine or pure
2. Adultery violated the very picture that God is using marriage to represent (Christ & the Church)
3. Read Rom 7:2-4 – We as the 'wife' were under the banner of our 'husband' the Law
 - a. When *we* died to self, we're free to married another, even Jesus

2nd Type of person that approaches Jesus is The Worshipper (Vs 13-16)

1. Using our circle diagram – We represent the worshipper as thinking he's close to the edge but really he's headed toward the heart of God
2. Knowing they're undeserving of God's love
3. Looking for God to grace them w/ goodness

Read Vs 13

1. These parents just wanted a blessing from Jesus on their children by His grace & kindness
2. The disciples rebuked these parents
 - a. People that have nothing to offer God are not a bother to Jesus
 - b. These are the ones He delights to help

Read Vs 14

1. “Of such is the Kingdom” – If these little children die, they're already in the Kingdom
2. Jonah – Those that don't know left from right

Read Vs 15-16

1. “Receive the kingdom as a child” – With childlike not childish faith
2. Kids know how to receive w/o earning

Read Luke 10:38-42 – Mary & Martha

1. There’s always work to be done, but if you’re not a worshipper...
 - a. Then you’re motivated by the wrong thing
 - b. And you won’t have the energy of the H.S. to complete the tasks set before you

3rd Type of person that approaches Jesus is The Wonderful (Vs 17-27)

1. Using our circle diagram – We represent the wonderful as thinking he's right at the heart of God, but he's actually absorbed with self
2. Having a wonderful self-made life that is independent of God is an abomination to God

Read Vs 17-18

1. Notice he kneels – He's showing outward subordination to Jesus. Will he show it inwardly?
2. Jesus starts by checking his understanding of good
 - a. This ends up being the heart of the problem...he thinks he's good

Read Vs 19-20

1. Read Rom 3:19 – The Law was designed to stop the mouth from justifying itself
2. His mouth isn't stopped yet by looking at 1/2 Law

Read Vs 21-22

1. In relation to man, he's "doing good", but his dependence is in himself, not God
2. Read Luk 16:13-15 – Can't serve you & God
3. In relation to God (1st 5 Laws), He's not righteous at all, he depends on money as his god

Read Vs 23-24

1. Jesus is speaking spiritually: When He says physical riches, He means spiritually trusting in the physical money for attaining goals in life
2. Interpret all that Jesus says spiritually

Read Vs 25-27

1. Some teach of a "Camel Gate" at Jerusalem
 - a. As if you work hard and you can do it
 - b. No such thing – Disciples got it (see vs 26)
2. Then in vs 27, it takes a conversion of the heart, which is a work of God
 - a. The only way to change the priority of your heart, is to ask the Lord to give you a new heart

Conclusion

So not everyone that comes to see Jesus has come on the right terms. How have you come?

1. **Are you a Worker?**

- a. Are you striving about rules and standards?
- b. Instead look for the principles behind the Laws...that will lead you to the heart of God

2. **Are you a Worshipper?**

- a. Do you come to God knowing that He's worthy of devoting or time / attention to?
- b. Do you do what you do, motivated by returning love to Him for His great love & grace to you

3. **Are you the Wonderful?**

- a. Do you still believe that you have what it takes to earn eternal life? You don't.
- b. Our greatest efforts could never be perfect
- c. Jesus paid it all, all to Him I own
 - i. Sin had left a crimson stain
 - ii. But Jesus washed it white as snow