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A STUDY THROUGH THE BOOK OF MARK

Mark 10:17-31

An interview with Jesus and the rich, young ruler

Mark 10:17 *As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"*

18 *"Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good — except God alone. 19 You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, do not defraud, honor your father and mother.'"*

20 *"Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy."*

21 *Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."*

22 *At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.*

A debriefing with Jesus and the disciples

Mark 19:23 *Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!"*

24 *The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! 25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."*

26 *The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?"*

27 *Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is*

impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."

An Objection by Peter

Mark 10:28 *Peter said to him, "We have left everything to follow you!"*

An Assurance from Jesus

Mark 10:29 *"I tell you the truth," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel 30 will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age (homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields — and with them, persecutions) and in the age to come, eternal life.*

The Surprising teachings of Jesus

Mark 10:31 *But many who are first will be last, and the last first."*

Mark 9:35 *Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all."*

Mark 10:43 *...whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. 45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*

1. Choosing to be last fulfills our purpose.
2. Choosing to be last pleases God.
3. Choosing to be last strengthens relationships.