

Questions Jesus Answered
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Mark 10:17-31 *“And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” 18 And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. 19 You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’” 20 And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.”*

21 And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” 22 Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

23 And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!”

24 And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how difficult 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 person to enter the kingdom of God.” 26 And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, “Then who can be saved?” 27 Jesus looked at them and said, “With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.”

28 Peter began to say to him, “See, we have left everything and followed you.”

29 Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, 30 who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. 31 But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

“Christianity isn’t Collapsing; it’s being CLARIFIED.”

I. HERE ARE THE POSTIVIES:

- He came at the right TIME – he came when he was YOUNG.
- He came to the right PERSON – he ran and knelt at the feet of JESUS.
- He asked the right QUESTION – he wanted eternal LIFE.
- He received the right ANSWER – Jesus told him to take up his cross and follow Him.

II. THE LONGING THAT OBSESSED THIS MAN

“And when he was gone forth into the way, {highway} there came one running, and kneeled to Him.” – Mark 10:17

- A. His means were PROSPEROUS
- B. His manners were PROPER
- C. His morals were PURE
- D. His motives were POWERFUL

III. THE CHRIST THAT OBSERVED THIS MAN

“And Jesus said unto him, Why call Me good? there is none good but One, that is, God.” – Mark 10:18

- A. The LOGIC of The Savior
- B. The LOVE of The Savior

“Then Jesus beholding him loved him.” – Mark 10:21

IV. THE LIFE THAT WAS OFFERED THIS MAN

- A. Jesus revealed His PROBLEM

“Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honor thy father and mother.” 20 “Master, all these have I observed from my youth.” – Mark 10:19-20

V. THE LOSS THAT OVERCAME THIS MAN

“And he was SAD at that saying, and went away GRIEVED: for he had great possessions.” – Mark 10:22

- A. He left the SAVIOR

5 things that dominate our lives that are given back to the Lord:

- (1) Our Time (2) Our Temple (3) Our Talent (4) Our Testimony (5) Our Treasure