

**Rhema Christian Center Triumphant Bible Study**  
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**Mark Chapter 10:1-52 NKJV**

**INTRPDUCTION**

**Jesus teaches on Marriage, Riches, Service and what it really means to follow Jesus.**

**Jesus teaches on Marriage vss 1-16**

**1** “Then He arose from there and came to the region of Judea by the other side of the Jordan. And multitudes gathered to Him again, and as He was accustomed, He taught them again.

**2** The Pharisees came and asked Him, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” testing Him.

**Note:** The Pharisees asked the question to trap Jesus. They had their own view point concerning marriage and divorce.

In Jesus day “there were two different schools of thought centered around divorce.

- The school of Rabbi Hillel – a lenient and popular view.” on divorce he understood uncleanness to mean any sort discretion to the point burning the breakfast food”.
- Rabbi Shammai – view was a strict unpopular view. “On divorce he understood uncleanness meant sexual immortality was the only valid reason for divorce.

Deuteronomy 24:1-2 is “about divorce in ancient Israel. It states “if a man marries a woman and later finds “something **indecent**” about her, he may write her a certificate of divorce, send her away, she is then free to marry another man.

“Something **indecent**” (Hebrew *erwat davar*) does not mean adultery “that already carried the death penalty in Deuteronomy 22”.

3 And He answered and said to them, “What did Moses command you?”

4 They said, “Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce, and to dismiss her.”

Matthew 19: 7-8 Moses permitted divorce because of hardness of heart, but it was not God’s original design”.

Hardness of heart means:

- Spiritual stubbornness
- Moral resistance to God’s will
- Lack of compassion, repentance, and faithfulness
- A refusal to live according to God’s original design

5 And Jesus answered and said to them, “Because of the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept

6 But from the beginning of the creation, God ‘made them male and female.

7 For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife,

8 and the two shall become one flesh’; so, then they are no longer two, but one flesh.

9 Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.”

**The KJV BIBLE Mark 10:7 reads:** for this causes shall a man leave his father and mother, and **cleave** to his wife.

The word cleave in the KJV Word Study Bible notes: **Cleave** ( proskollao) “ to glue to, stick to, adhere closely to, join together. The bond is so tight that the two become one entity. The use of this word in the context of marriage emphasizes the importance faithfulness and permanence in the marriage relationship.

**10** In the house His disciples also asked Him again about the same matter.

**11** So He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her.

**12** And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.

Comment: God has spoken -He has the last word.

### **Jesus Blesses Little Children.” Vss 13-16**

**13** Then they brought little children to Him, that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them.

**14** But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God.

**15** Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.”

**16** And He took them up in His arms, laid His hands on them, and blessed them.

In Verses 13-16 “In that culture, it was common for parents/Jewish to bring their children to a rabbi to receive a blessing.

Here Jesus uses the moment to teach the truth about the kingdom of God.

The “kingdom of God belongs to people who are like children in the way they come to God.

### **Jesus point to the traits of Children:**

- Thrust – children rely completely on others
- Humility - no status no self -importance
- Dependency – they Know they need help
- Openness- they receive without bargaining or providing worth

The kingdom of God is received, not achieved. Children don't earn love – they accept it.

Such is the kingdom of God means: “God’s reign belongs to those who know with humble trust and dependence like a child in a parent’s arms.”

We must” come to God with faith, and trust God just like a little child thrust his father and leave all the problems up to daddy.”

### **Jesus Counsels the Rich Young Ruler vss 17-23**

**17** Now as He was going out on the road, one came running, knelt before Him, and asked Him, “Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?”

**18** So, Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God.

**19** You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery,’ ‘Do not murder,’ ‘Do not steal,’ ‘Do not bear false witness,’ ‘Do not defraud,’ ‘Honor your father and your mother.’”

**20** And he answered and said to Him, “Teacher, all these things I have kept from my youth.”

**21** Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me.”

**22** But he was sad at this word, and went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions

### Let's track two points Jesus is saying to this rich man

- One thing you lack: was **surrender**. “His heart was divided. He kept the commandments outwardly. But his security, identity, and comfort were tied to riches rather than God.”
- Take up the cross, **and follow me**: meaning trusting His way (Jesus) over your instincts, shaping your life around His teaching and example and going where He goes, even when it leads to loss.

**The take away:** everyone has something that can block full devotion to God. For some people, it might be power, money/wealth, relationships, fear, pride, or control.

What is holding you back?

### With God All Things Are Possible verses 23—31

**23** Then Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, “How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!”

**24** And the disciples were astonished at His words. But Jesus answered again and said to them, “Children, how hard it is for those who trust in riches to enter the **kingdom of God!**”

One commentary noted “Jesus called his disciples children “to express loving authority, emphasize humility and dependency on God, and gently guide them through a hard teaching about wealth and the kingdom.”

**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.”

**Note:** Jesus is saying” wealth entering God’s kingdom humanly impossible unless God changes the heart.”

**26** And they were greatly astonished, saying among themselves, “Who then can be saved?”

**27** But Jesus looked at them and said, “With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible.”

**28** Then Peter began to say to Him, “See, we have left all and followed You.”

**29** So Jesus answered and said, “Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel’s,

**30** who shall 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.”

In these verses Jesus is teaching: wealth makes entering God’s kingdom humanly impossible, unless God changes the heart.

- Wealth creates false security. Rich people are tempted to rely on money rather than God
- Self- sufficiency blocks dependency on God. The Kingdom requires trust, not control’s blessing.
- Moral efforts aren’t enough -The disciples react with shock because they assumed wealth equals God blessing.

Jesus is not saying rich people can’t be saved, he is saying, salvation is impossible by human effort, especially when wealth reinforces self-reliance. God alone makes salvation possible for rich and poor.

**Jesus a Third Time predicts His Death and Resurrection vss 32-34**

**32** Now they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going before them; and they were amazed. And as they followed, they were afraid. Then He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them the things that would happen to Him:

**33** “Behold (look see observe) we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles;

**34** and they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again.”

In verse 32 The disciples “were afraid because the increase hate and hostile response to Jesus by the leaders.”

In previous chapters Jesus had told the disciples what was going to happen to him.

In this chapter of Mark verse 33 Jesus is describing his fate step by step saying BEHOLD (see, gaze upon, observe)

**Step by step:**

- Betrayal: the son of Man will be delivered
- Religious reflection: condemned Christ by priests and scribes
- Political execution: handed over to the Gentiles (Romans)
- Humiliation: marking, spitting, and flogging
- Death: crucifixion
- Resurrection: “after three day He will rise.

**Greatness is Serving vss 35-45**

**35** Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, “Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask.”

**36** And He said to them, “What do you want Me to do for you?”

**37** They said to Him, “Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory.”

**38** But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?”

**39** They said to Him, “We are able.” So, Jesus said to them, “You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized;

**40** but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared.”

**Comment:** In the Old Testament “the cup is a metaphor for wrath” Both cup and baptism refer to Jesus’ coming suffering and death for the sins of the world”.

The Greek for poterion is used for “cup” symbolizing the suffering and sacrifice Jesus will endure”. (on the cross)

**Note:** Jesus assured James and John that they would indeed drink from His cup. This statement refers to the suffering and persecution the disciples will experience as following Jesus

The privilege of identifying with Christ means believers are also called to suffer.

The New Testament says: “serve one another humbly in love” Galatians 5:13 NLT

“I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. John 13:15 NLT

**41** And when the ten heard it, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John.

**42** But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles Lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.

**43** Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant.

**44** And whoever of you desires to be first shall 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 a ransom for many.”

To ransom someone or something means to pay a price to secure its freedom, but also a biblical image for the redemption of God's people.

### **Reflection**

James and John were seeking position of power and authority; they also wanted status and recognition. This gives Jesus a moment to teach the disciples about “serving with humility.

In the world greatness =power, title, influence, recognition

In God's world greatness =humility, sacrifice and love in action

Biblical serving = “humble, loving, selfless action that reflects Jesus' heart, whether its in church, family, workplace, or everyday life.

**Question** how can we as Christians be great and serve? One commentary noted

“Greatness in God's eyes grows when we;

Help without recognition ...forgive when wrong

Give when it costs us. You can live this out by;

Serving at home without expecting thanks

Leading at work with integrity and care

Listening more than speaking

Mentoring someone younger

Doing unseen acts of kindness

**Jesus Heals Blind Bartimaeus vss 46-52**

**46** Now they came to Jericho. As He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the road begging.

**47** And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

**48** Then many warned him to be quiet; but he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

**49** So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called. Then they called the blind man, saying to him, “Be of good cheer. Rise, He is calling you.”

**50** And throwing aside his garment, he rose and came to Jesus.

**51** So Jesus answered and said to him, “What do you want Me to do for you?” The blind man said to Him, “Rabboni, that I may receive my sight.”

**52** Then Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road.”

In these verses Jesus demonstrated what he meant about serving: He came to serve, extend mercy, and give His life as a ransom for many.

**Lesson** we can learn from the blind man: when going through trials, hurt, pain or tribulation don't let outside noise hinder/distract you in prayer of faith, stay focus with your eyes on Jesus.

Our response to Jesus “what can I do for you” give us eyes to see spiritual truth, recognize Him for who He is, and follow Him.

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