

Sermon Study Notes 22 Nov '15
Mark 10:17-27 'All things are possible with God'

Jesus responds to a young man's question about how to inherit eternal life.
Again Mark demonstrates Jesus' divinity and the nature of the Kingdom of God.

The Question

Vs 17 *"Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"*

He was a good man, God-honouring, and wealthy; but the time had come where he was wondering what life was all about. He was yet to find the quality of spiritual life that satisfied. He wanted to know *what he could* do to get it.

Reflect: What are my thoughts on assurance of eternal life?

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The Answer

Vs 19, 21 *"You know the commandments ... One thing you lack. Go sell everything you have and give to the poor, and then you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."*

In his love for him, Jesus was seeking the man's transformation and the transformation of the community. He challenged him to identify with the poor.

Reflect: How has Jesus transformed my life? Is he challenging me with the need for transformation?

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3. The Response

Vs 22, 24 *"At this the man's face fell ... The disciples were amazed at Jesus' words."*

The fact that he went away sad indicates he didn't completely obey the first commandment, that is, to worship no other God. His worship of his wealth was exposed. No human being can earn salvation; only God can save people...

vs: 27 *"Humanly, this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."*

- this is the hope of the world, that through Jesus' death & resurrection, it has been made possible for us to be saved and have eternal life.

Reflect: Am I hoping I will inherit eternal life because I am good enough, or am I putting God first in my life, accepting his Son Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour?

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"The good news is there is nothing we can do that is bad enough to keep us out of heaven; the bad news is there is nothing we can do good enough to get us into heaven."