

The Gospel of Mark

Lesson 24: Mark 10:17-34

The rich young ruler (vv. 17-22)

Matt. 19:16-22
Luke 18:18-23

- He addresses Jesus as “good teacher”, a sign of respect
 - Jesus harkens back to Jewish teaching that only God is good
 - Some see this as a veiled challenge regarding His identity
- He asks Jesus what he must “do” to inherit eternal life (see v. 15)
 - Jesus responds with commandments 6, 7, 8, 9, 10(ish), and 4
 - Not surprisingly, the young man says he has kept all of these
 - Jesus’ challenge to sell everything and follow Him is too much
 - This is only instance in Mark of someone called to discipleship not doing so

Why would Jesus tell the young man to sell everything and follow Him?

Why does the young man come to Jesus in the first place?

Entering the Kingdom (vv. 23-31)

Matt. 19:23-30
Luke 18:24-30

- Wealth in Israel was seen as evidence of God’s favor
- Jesus comments in verses 23 and 25 were very counter-cultural
 - Verse 24 brings all of humanity into the picture, regardless of resources
 - Verse 25 should be read literally, since this would be an impossibility
- The disciples figured they were done for if the rich couldn’t get into heaven
 - They had walked away from family and livelihood to follow Jesus
- He makes it clear that anything we “give up” here will be replaced with greater
 - But don’t miss the mention of persecutions that will accompany them

Why is it good that Jesus says what is quoted in verse 24?

What are some examples of this “leave/receive” dynamic?

Jesus predicts His death a third time (vv. 32-34)

Matt. 20:17-19
Luke 18:31-33

- Jesus’ resolve in going to Jerusalem moves the disciples to astonishment and the others following to fear
- This is the most complete prophecy of what He would suffer
 - He includes the Gentiles (Romans) for the first time
 - He also brings in that they will mock Him, spit on Him, and flog Him