

God Made a Way
Mark 10:23-31

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I. Some trust in wealth. Mark 10:23-26

Money is _____, it is neither right nor wrong; because it is an inanimate object, there is nothing evil or wrong with money.

- *"In the case of this young man, his wealth robbed him of God's _____ blessing, eternal life."* (Warren Wiersbe)

The real issue at hand for the Disciples hearing this saying from Jesus is the same issue everyone should consider, *"How _____ is it to enter the kingdom of God?"*

II. God is the possibility maker. Mark 10:27

The Lord can do anything He wants to do; however, He will not do things that go against His will or do things that _____ His holy character.

- Deductive reasoning: Because heaven is a perfect place, and since we were all dead in our sins without Jesus; there was no way to heaven, so eternal life was _____.

Jesus' death was _____ to save this rich man, but he walked away sorrowful after Jesus told him to sell off his possessions.

III. What the Disciples left behind to follow Jesus. Mark 10:28-31

The rich young ruler did not want to give up _____ to follow Jesus, but the Disciples left many things to follow Jesus.

- The enemy and our own flesh will _____ to us and tell us how we are missing out on something that we deserve to enjoy, but we had to give those things up, in order to follow Jesus.

"It is good to have the things money can buy, provided you do not _____ the things that money cannot buy." (Warren Wiersbe)

- *"There is nothing in this life that _____ to the promises and the relationship we receive with Jesus Christ."*

IV. Practical Application.

Along with Original sin, there are the sins we commit; we can sin by doing things _____ to God's commands or we can sin by failing to do the things we know we should be doing.

- If the Bible is in fact true and the **Book of Romans** is right that the paycheck for any sin we commit is eternal death; then it would be good for us to know how to fix that _____ problem.

Call on the name of the Lord, admit that you have sinned against God and that you need Him to forgive you in order to have a _____ with Him and to escape eternal death.

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

1. Read **Mark 10:23-25**. Does the Lord prohibit earthly wealth? What is the potential pitfall of being wealthy?
Psalm 20:7, 1 Timothy 6:8-10, Luke 12:15, 1 Timothy 6:17-19, Matthew 6:24, James 2:1-13
2. Read **Mark 10:26**. Why were the Disciples astonished at Jesus' teaching about the difficulty of rich people receiving eternal life?
3. Read **Mark 10:27**. Name some things God cannot do. Why is it impossible to gain eternal life apart from the free gift of salvation through Christ?
Romans 3:10-11, 3:23, 6:23, Matthew 5:48, Exodus 33:20
4. Read **Mark 10:28-31**. What is the lie Christians often fall for from the enemy and our own flesh about missing out on something from this life? Why can that way of thinking be dangerous?
Philippians 3:8, 1 John 2:16, Romans 6:1-11, 2 Corinthians 5:18-21
5. Discuss some of the spiritual riches we receive in Christ on earth.
1 Corinthians 4:1-6, Philippians 4:19, Acts 17:10-11, Isaiah 41:8, James 2:23, Romans 5:8, Hebrews 4:16
6. Discuss some different times you will be able to use the Roman Road insert from the bulletin in everyday life.
7. Discuss the Practical Application portion of the sermon.