



The Story & Way of Jesus

Entering God's Kingdom

Mark 10:17-30

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As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

“Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.’”

“Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.” Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth. Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!” The disciples were amazed at his

words. But Jesus said again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, “Who then can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.” Then Peter spoke up, “We have left everything to follow you!”

“Truly I tell you,” Jesus replied, “no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life.

Answer: Jesus has come to give people life within His kingdom.

“Nardwuar the Human Serviette”



“Your worldview is most functionally shaped by the questions you are willing to leave unanswered.”

The Man

The Money

The Method Of Entering God’s Kingdom

1. The Man

Mark 10:22

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Mark 10:26

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Mark 10:19

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"The Church has in its favor what the Catholic philosopher Charles Taylor called 'the unquiet frontiers of modernity.' He makes the case that Western culture is deeply conflicted about faith and God. Modern secularism holds that people are only physical entities without souls, that sensations of love and beauty are just neurological-chemical events, that there is no meaning other than what we construct, and that there is no right or wrong outside of what we in our minds choose. Yet most people feel that life is greater than what can be accounted for by naturalistic explanations. The modern self is exceptionally fragile. While having the freedom to define and validate oneself is superficially liberating, it is also exhausting: You and you alone must create and sustain your identity. This has contributed to unprecedented levels of depression and anxiety and never-satisfied longings for affirmation. The modern self is also fragmenting...its individualism leading to the erosion of family, community, and unity of shared values in the nation. The breakdown of neighborhoods

and communities means that, more and more, our lives are run by faceless, massive bureaucracies and inhumane technologies aimed solely at economic efficiency.”

- Timothy Keller, *American Christianity is Due for a Revival* [The Atlantic]

2. The Money

Mark 10:23

Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!”

Mark 10:25

It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

Money funds our self-salvation project.

1 Timothy 6:10

“For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.”

Money privileges us toward “righteousness.”

3. The Method of Entering

Mark 10:27

Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.”

Matthew 26:37

He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death.”

Mark 10:21

Jesus looked at him and loved him.