

“What must I do...?”

Mark 10 v17-27

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- 17 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?”
- 18 “Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good- except God alone.
- 19 You know the commandments; ‘Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, do not defraud, honour your father and mother.’”
- 20 “Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.”

- 21 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.”
- 22 At this, the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.
- 23 Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!”

24 The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!

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.

26 The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, “Who then can be saved?”

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

What do we know about this man?

- Very wealthy/rich – Mark 10 22
- Young – Matthew 19 20
- A Ruler – Luke 18 18
- A Jew – Mark 18 20

What is he like?

- Very Interested – v 17
 - Humble – v 17
- Shows Respect – v 17
- Leads a ‘good’ life – v 20

What is his question?

“What must I do to inherit eternal life?” v17

- ‘What must I do...’ – his actions/merit.
 - ‘...to inherit eternal life?’ – his security/destiny

What does this question show us about him?

- He has the wrong focus in life now.
- He has the wrong understanding of life after death.

“No one is good – except God above.”

v 18

“You know the commandments” v 19

“All of these I have kept since I was a boy”
v 20

“One thing you lack...” v 21

“Jesus looked at him and loved him” v 21

“He went away sad...” v 22

“How hard it is...” v 23 & v 24

“Who then can be saved...?” v 26

“With men this is impossible but not with God; all things are possible with God.”

What Will You Do?