

Salvation Through Jesus



MEMORY VERSE: "God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it." Ephesians 2:8-9



MARK 10:13-16 Jesus Loves Children

1. Read verse 13. Why did the parents bring their children to Jesus? Why do you think the disciples didn't want Him to?
2. How did Jesus respond to His disciples? vv. 14-15 How does that make you feel?
3. Jesus says we must receive the Kingdom of God like a child. What do you think that looks like?



MARK 10:17-27 Salvation Is Possible with God Alone

4. The man who ran up to Jesus wanted eternal life. What do you think it means to have eternal life? See definition.
5. Jesus answered the man's question by listing all the commandments. How did the man reply? v. 20 Do you think that's possible?
6. Read verses 21-23. Jesus had genuine love for the man because He saw his sincere heart and desire for eternal life. The man thought he had lived well enough to earn it, so Jesus challenged him further. What else did Jesus say he needed to do?

7. After hearing the list of commandments that are necessary to be saved, what did the disciples ask? v. 26 What does verse 27 mean?



MARK 10:32-34 Jesus Again Predicts His Death

8. Read verses 32-34. Jesus' time on earth was coming to an end. How would you describe the atmosphere and emotions during this walk to Jerusalem?

9. Why do you think it was so important to Jesus that He repeatedly told the disciples what was going to happen to Him?

10. How does verse 34 end? Why does this matter?

BELIEVE THE TRUTH

The Bible is filled with commandments on how we are to live as followers of Christ. And in order to have eternal life, we must obey all of these commands perfectly. But Jesus knows that this is IMPOSSIBLE for humans! That is exactly why God sent His Son Jesus to earth; to live the perfect life that we cannot, and to pay the price we all deserve to pay which is death. When Jesus died, He rose from the dead, conquering death. This is the Good News! We are still called to follow His commands but as a result of our faith, not as the means for salvation. Praise the Lord!

PRAY THE TRUTH

Jesus, thank you for telling me that the kingdom of God is for everyone - including me! Thank you for sending Your Son to die on the cross for my sins. Help me to remember that I am saved through grace alone and that my desire to follow Your commands should be a result of being saved, not what saves me! Amen.

WALK IN TRUTH



What do you think it means to follow God's commands as a result of faith versus as the means for salvation?



Mark 10:13-27; 32-34 (NLT)

Jesus Blesses the Children

13 One day some parents brought their children to Jesus so he could touch and bless them. But the disciples scolded the parents for bothering him. 14 When Jesus saw what was happening, he was angry with his disciples. He said to them, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children. 15 I tell you the truth, anyone who doesn't receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it." 16 Then he took the children in his arms and placed his hands on their heads and blessed them.

The Rich Man

17 As Jesus was starting out on his way to Jerusalem, a man came running up to him, knelt down, and asked, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" 18 "Why do you call me good?" Jesus asked. "Only God is truly good. 19 But to answer your question, you know the commandments: 'You must not murder. You must not commit adultery. You must not steal. You must not testify falsely. You must not cheat anyone. Honor your father and mother.'" 20 "Teacher," the man replied, "I've obeyed all these commandments since I was young." 21 Looking at the man, Jesus felt genuine love for him. "There is still one thing you haven't done," he told him. "Go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." 22 At this the man's face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions. 23 Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the Kingdom of God!" 24 This amazed them. But Jesus said again, "Dear children, it is very hard to enter the Kingdom of God. 25 In fact, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God!" 26 The disciples were astounded. "Then who in the world can be saved?" they asked. 27 Jesus looked at them intently and said, "Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But not with God. Everything is possible with God."

Jesus Again Predicts His Death

32 They were now on the way up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. The disciples were filled with awe, and the people following behind were overwhelmed with fear. Taking the twelve disciples aside, Jesus once more began to describe everything that was about to happen to him. 33 "Listen," he said, "we're going up to Jerusalem, where the Son of Man will be betrayed to the leading priests and the teachers of religious law. They will sentence him to die and hand him over to the Romans. 34 They will mock him, spit on him, flog him with a whip, and kill him, but after three days he will rise again."

Eternal life: a gift of God that comes only through Jesus Christ our Lord. Life that begins the moment a person turns from sin and exercises faith and commitment to in Christ. Supreme quality of life on earth as well as unending life with God.

Kingdom of God: Jesus' reign now and a future time when Jesus will rule over all humanity. At the same time, the kingdom of God involves repentance and a new spiritual birth, as God rules in the hearts of His children in this world in preparation for the next.

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