*25* STUDY OF MARK 2020

How to Inherit Eternal Life

Mark 10:17-31

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.” (21)

1. Who came to Jesus? (17, 22; Luke 18:18[[1]](#footnote-1)) What do his attitude toward Jesus and his question reveal about him? Why do you think the man called Jesus “good teacher?” Why did Jesus correct his concept of good (18)? Why did Jesus then refer the man to the commandments relating to his relationship with others? (19) But surprisingly, what did the man sincerely believe? (20)
2. How did Jesus regard this man? (21) What did Jesus tell the man to do with his wealth? Then, what did Jesus invite the man to do? But how did the man respond? (22) What does this reveal about what he valued most in life? Here, what do you learn about what God demands for us to enter His kingdom? Why is it particularly hard (if not impossible) for the rich to enter the kingdom of God? (23-25)
3. Why were the disciples even more amazed (24, 26)? What does Jesus’ answer teach about salvation (27; Eph 2:8-9[[2]](#footnote-2))? What did Jesus promise those who follow him (29-30)? Why does he mention persecution, and what warning did he give (31)? How does Jesus’ promise give us hope and courage to follow him?
1. **Luke 18:18:** A certain ruler asked him, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. **Eph 2:8-9** For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)