

## THE GOD OF THE IMPOSSIBLE

--MARK 10:17-31--

### INTRODUCTION:

Jesus rebuked the disciples for sending the parents and their children away who had come to have their children blessed by Him. In His rebuke Jesus made a startling pronouncement about salvation. He said, *“Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it at all.”* (Mark 10:15, NASB95) This pronouncement set down for the disciples and all subsequent history that helpless dependence is necessary for entering the kingdom of God, to be saved. Our passage this morning introduces us to someone who is the opposite of a helpless, dependent infant.

#### I. THE INQUIRY (Mark 10:17)

- a. Mark opens this event by telling us that \_\_\_\_\_ was setting out on a journey.
- b. There are several things about this wealthy, influential man who had already achieved much according to the religious system of his day that would have \_\_\_\_\_ bystanders.
- c. As I mentioned in my introduction, this rich young ruler seemed to be a sure-fire candidate for \_\_\_\_\_.
- d. This young man’s primary problem lay in his misunderstanding and misuse of the word “\_\_\_\_\_.”

#### II. THE INTERACTION (Mark 10:18-22)

- a. Jesus replied to this young man by first asking, *“Why do you call Me \_\_\_\_\_? No one is good except God alone.”* (Mark 10:18, NASB95)
- b. Before his salvation, the apostle \_\_\_\_\_ had been much like this young man. (Philippians 3:7-11)
- c. The Lord Jesus then challenged this young man, like the apostle Paul would later do, to \_\_\_\_\_ himself by the law and realize that he was not good.
- d. This young man was not convicted by this list, instead he believed that he had \_\_\_\_\_ these commandments from his youth up.

- e. Mark writes that as Jesus looked at this young man He felt a \_\_\_\_\_ for him.
- f. Why did Jesus command this young man to \_\_\_\_\_ all that he possessed?
- g. Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_ made the world stop for this wealthy young man.

#### III. THE INSTRUCTION (Mark 10:23-27)

- a. Jesus would build on this man’s response to teach His disciples the power of \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. There are at least three reasons that it is difficult for the rich to \_\_\_\_\_ the kingdom of God. (1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 6:10, 17)
- c. The heart of what Jesus was saying was that the wealthy struggled to come \_\_\_\_\_ and dependent only on the Lord Jesus for forgiveness and salvation, which He said was the only way into the kingdom of God.

#### IV. THE INTERCHANGE (Mark 10:28-31)

- a. This instruction from Jesus prompted Peter to speak up and mention that unlike the rich young ruler and many other would-be followers, the disciples had left \_\_\_\_\_ to follow Christ.
- b. That mutual \_\_\_\_\_ has marked the true church since its birth on the day of Pentecost.
- c. Jesus concluded by stating, *“But many who are \_\_\_\_\_ will be last, and the last, first.”* (Mark 10:31, NASB95)

### CONCLUSION:

Thank God that God is the God of the impossible. If He were not there would be no hope for mankind, each of us would be destined to an eternity in the Lake of Fire, a place of eternal torment. Praise God that He did the impossible because of His great love for us and sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to take our place, to suffer God’s wrath against sin and to die in our place so that our sins can be forgiven, and we can be saved from the wrath to come. Jesus plus our nothingness equals forgiveness and salvation because He is the God of the Impossible.