11 – Mark 10:13-31 – How to get to heaven

Like a Child

... Mark 10:13 people are bringing to Jesus little children

... the disciples fail a test

Mark 9:36-37, "He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.'

... the disciples tell them off and turn them away.

v 14, "let the little children come to me and do not hinder them. For the kingdom of God belongs to such as these".

v 15, "Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.'".

What Jesus is saying.

Firstly, NOT saying that all children get to heaven

Secondly, NOT promoting ignorance and gullibility

Thirdly, Jesus IS saying is that you need to come to him like a little child who is 100% dependant for everything.

What is blessing them?

V 16 says, "And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them."

... these little children are loved by Jesus and that these little children are valued by God

... we use the wording of asking God to "bless" things all the time in unhelpful ways.

How do I get to heaven?

v 17 ... a man who is very wealth and zealous for God

"Why do you call me good. No one is good but God alone."

Mark wants us to see that Jesus IS the Christ the Son of God... he is far more than simply a teacher.

v 19 ... what good looks like for the rich man.

v 21 ... Jesus looked at him and loved him.

"One thing you lack"

"Go sell all that you have and give it to the poor and come follow me"

... he walks away sad.

... he loves and trusts his wealth more than God

v 24 ... It is harder for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God than for a camel, to go through the eye of a needle.

... lots of made up explanations of this phrase.

(picture)

... wealth, which was seen by people as proof of God's blessing, NEVER EVER gets a person into eternal life.

Mark 10:45 ... give his life as a ransom for many

<u>But what about our wealth?</u>

"The rich and the kingdom of God"

God does not hate rich people. AND poor people do not simply enter God's kingdom because they are poor.

Is Jesus telling us to get rid of all our wealth?

Rich and poor alike need to put their trust 100% in Jesus for their salvation.

What do you put your trust in for your eternity?

... one more danger

If we think this passage has no warning for disciples of Jesus today who are wealth ... then, we need to think again.

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One thing that might be helpful

... if we are aware of the danger there is that we put our trust in wealth instead of Jesus

My one thing

Pray