

## Sermon Devotionals for Mark 10

**Monday:** Read Mark 10:1,15,17-22. From the passage, can you tell what Jesus is teaching about and to whom? Based on v.21-22 what did Jesus want the man to have and what did the man end up choosing? On a day to day basis, what do you end up choosing?

**Tuesday:** Look up Deuteronomy 28:1-5, 15-18. How does one get blessed by God and what form do these blessings take? Is it correct to assume then, that if a person is rich that it is because they are specially blessed by God and conversely, if one is poor it is because they are cursed by God? That is what the Jewish people believed at the time of Jesus. Is that the way you believe? Have you heard others express these ideas?

**Wednesday:** Read Mark 10:23-27. Mark *kingdom of God/saved, rich/wealthy*. Look up 1Tim.6:17, Matt.6:21, Luke 12:16-21. Why is difficult for the rich to enter the kingdom of God? And is entering the kingdom of God easy for anyone? Look at Mark 10:24.

**Thursday:** Understanding that the theology of the Jews taught that to be saved, one must fulfill the Law and the Law could be completely fulfilled by the giving of alms—money. The more you gave the more assured you were of paying off your sin debt. Look once again at v. 26 and read Jesus' response in v.27. Who makes salvation possible for anyone, rich or poor?

**Friday:** Read Mark 10:28-31. Note the question and pay careful attention to Jesus' response to Peter's 'What's in it for us' question. As we know from history, those first believers would lose their place in synagogues, their families, their possessions, their lives for the sake of the gospel. So what did Jesus mean by gaining family a hundredfold in this age and the age to come? What does this teach you about the relationships you have with believers? Is fellowship with them an obligation and duty to be endured? Is the atmosphere of your life(possessions, lifestyle, relationships) one that reflects 'laying up for yourselves treasures in heaven' ?