

## Sermon Notes – March 10, 2024

### Are You An Owner Or A Steward? Do You Have Money & Possessions, Or Do Money & Possessions Have You? (17-31)

- ⇒ In contrast to the children who have nothing, the man who now approaches Jesus has \_\_\_\_\_. Or so he thinks!
- ⇒ There are some qualities to commend in this “rich, young ruler.” He addresses Jesus with deep respect, and he wants something good – eternal life. At least he’s asking the right question!
- ⇒ Big problems emerge, however, over how a person receives eternal life. Is it because of what I “do”? And what about law keeping...Is his self-evaluation in **10:20** actually correct? (Not according to **Matthew 5:21-48**)
- ⇒ Do you see it? This young man represents the “default position” of most humans, and especially good Americans! *“What must I DO? How good must I be? Will my goodness outweigh my badness in the final judgment?”*
- ⇒ **“Jesus looked at him and loved him”** – please bask in this for a moment. This is pure grace. It is God’s heart for lost people, for the nations, for you.
- ⇒ “He went away sorrowful” – clearly, \_\_\_\_\_ “had” this young man.
- ⇒ In the discussion that follows (**23-31**), Jesus affirms that following Him will cost you everything (not as a payment, but as a matter of both trust and ownership). But please know, those who trust Christ & Him alone will not be disappointed in the end. **Hebrews 11:6**

### A Sober Warning: “Can You Hear Me Now?” (32-34)

- ⇒ Jesus says it again as “He walks \_\_\_\_\_ of them” toward Jerusalem! He is going up to Jerusalem to be delivered over, to be condemned, to suffer, to die, and to rise again! Many in the crowd were afraid of what was to come.
- ⇒ Jesus said, **“We** are going up to Jerusalem” – the cross precedes the crown.

### Responding to God’s Word

- ⇒ Many “were afraid” as they followed Jesus. Are YOU afraid of what is to come? As you look at the future and at the world around us, remember Jesus’ words, “Fear not!” And keep your eyes on Him. **John 21:22**
- ⇒ The call to follow Jesus means setting aside things that get in the way of that single-minded pursuit. What gets in the way for you?

**Worship Next Sunday: March 17, 2024**

**“Be Careful What You Ask”**

(Mark 10:35-52) Pastor Craig Alford

**Answer Key:** • illustrations • important • dependence • grace • everything • possessions • ahead

### Review

- ⇒ We are over halfway through our study in the Gospel of Mark. In the first eight chapters, the question is, “Who is Jesus?” The turning point in the book is when Peter correctly identifies Jesus as the Christ (Messiah) of God –that’s in 8:29. The second half of the book examines what it means that Jesus is the Messiah. Has He come to kick out the Romans and take over the place, or to suffer and die in our place on a cross?
- ⇒ In last week’s text, some religious leaders try once again to entrap Jesus in controversy, this time on the subject of divorce. We see Jesus appeal to Scripture to determine right & wrong, and in doing so, He identifies God’s original creation of male & female, and marriage as a sacred & permanent union between a biological male and a biological female.

### Today’s Text: Mark 10:13-34

In our text today, Jesus continues to teach as He walks the road toward Jerusalem, and the lessons just keep getting more and more difficult. And personal. Very personal.

### Yes, Jesus Loves Kids, But That’s Not The Point (13-16)

- ⇒ Jesus loves using \_\_\_\_\_ to teach! In **9:36** we see Him taking a child in His arms to teach a similar lesson as in this text.
- ⇒ We often think of this tender story as teaching that Jesus loves kids, and yes, He certainly does. But as it turns out, the moment with the kids is actually an illustration of a greater truth.
- ⇒ Jesus is teaching us that in God’s kingdom, the “\_\_\_\_\_ people” are those who are typically overlooked. Rather than seeking to be important by gaining status or titles or fame or wealth, kingdom-minded followers of Jesus should seek to serve with a truly humble heart. **John 3:30**
- ⇒ The point is not the perceived innocence or simplicity of children, but their humble \_\_\_\_\_ on other people. All that children receive is by the gracious hand of others. This introduces the biblical concept of \_\_\_\_\_...AND it sets up Jesus’ next encounter!

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