

## Mark 10

### Jesus Corrects Wrong Thinking (vs. 1-31)

Background: Jesus leaves Capernaum and the region of Galilee and travels at least 50 miles south to Judea, of which Jerusalem is the primary city, the “headquarters” of the Pharisees and teachers of the law, and the jurisdiction of Herod Antipas, who imprisoned and beheaded John the Baptist. In general, Jews believed it was lawful for a man to divorce his wife and marry another, but groups disagreed on the proper grounds for divorce.

1. Why do you think the Pharisees test Jesus with this particular question (vs. 2)?
2. What reason does Jesus give for Moses’ law permitting divorce? What does Jesus say about marriage in vs. 6-9? How do verses 10-12 challenge the view of the Pharisees, and of the disciples?
3. In verse 13, the verb “were bringing” is perfect tense, which suggests that people were *persisting* in bringing little children to Jesus. Why do you think the disciples try to stop them?
4. What do you think it means to “receive the kingdom of God like a little child?” What do the children do in order to be received and blessed by Jesus?
5. How does the rich young man approach and address Jesus? How does Jesus’ question in vs. 18 challenge this man’s thinking with regard to Jesus’ identity? With regard to the way the man sees himself?
6. What is the one thing the rich young man lacks?
7. Does Jesus say it’s impossible for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God? Why is it so hard?
8. Why do you think Mark tells the story of the children right before the story of the rich young man?
9. What promise does Jesus give in vs. 29-30? What do you think vs. 31 warns us about?
10. Is there a correction in your thinking that needs to take place as a result of Jesus’ words in this passage? Is there a warning, or a promise that you need to pay attention to?

### Jesus Heading to Jerusalem (vs.32-52)

11. Why do you think the disciples are astonished? Why are those who follow afraid?
12. This is at least the third time Jesus tells his disciples about his death. Compared to 8:31-32 and 9:31, what’s different about this prediction? What’s the same each time?
13. What lesson does Jesus repeat with his disciples almost immediately after each prediction of his death?  
Mark 8:35 –  
Mark 9:35 -  
Mark 10:42-44 -
14. What do James and John want? What does Jesus’ question of them in vs. 38 mean?
15. How does Jesus (“the Son of Man”) summarize his mission in vs. 45? In light of the description of the son of man in Daniel 7:13-14, what’s so astonishing about Jesus’ statement?

### Jesus Heals Blind Bartimaeus (vs.49-52)

16. Describe Bartimaeus’ situation, and the way he addresses and approaches Jesus.
17. What does Jesus ask him? Where have you heard Jesus ask that question before in this chapter? How do the circumstances around Jesus’ question differ from each other?
18. What is Bartimaeus’ simple request and what is the result of his asking?
19. What verse from chapter 10 would be valuable for you to memorize?

# Sermon Notes

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**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Passage:** \_\_\_\_\_

**What I needed to hear today:** (something to remember, put into practice, change in my thinking, change in my behavior)