

## Start with Prayer

Mark Chapter 10 – Mark is an action Gospel.

Jesus – God's servant doing God's will. Jesus is a man of action.

### Let's review: In chapter 9:

We have the transfiguration of Jesus, John the Baptist signified Elijah, prayer needed for healing power, Jesus discusses his death, Apostles argue who is greatest, Jesus encourages acceptance of ministries out of the norm, (not doctrinally), remove hinderances from your life.

**Mark 10:1** (NASB) And rising up, He \*went from there to the region of Judea, and beyond the Jordan; and crowds \*gathered around Him again, and, according to His custom, He once more [began] to teach them.

**Jesus lifestyle is one of ministry. Where ever he was or what ever he was doing, he would stop to minister. Jesus is moving locations from Galilee coming into Judea and finally to Jerusalem and to his death and resurrection during Passover.**

2 And some Pharisees came up to Him, testing Him, and began to question Him whether it was lawful for a man to divorce a wife And He answered and said to them, "What did Moses command you?" And they said, "Moses permitted a man TO WRITE A CERTIFICATE OF DIVORCE AND SEND her AWAY." (Deut. 24:1)

But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. "But from the beginning of creation, God MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE. "FOR THIS CAUSE A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH; consequently they are no longer two, but one flesh. "What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate."

**Trick question to try to trap Jesus by the Pharisees: yes or no is a problem.**

**Answer: No not lawful – contradict Moses (John the Baptist died for this). Answer Yes – deficient in his teaching.**

**Reason for Moses allowing divorce: Hardness of your heart Mark 10:5**

**Our first response on anything should be "what does the scriptures say" Jesus does that over and over.**

10 And in the house the disciples began questioning Him about this again. And He \*said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her; and if she herself divorces her husband and marries another man, she is committing adultery."

**Divorce is a difficult question. Divorce is sin, Divorce is sin, Divorce is sin, but forgivable. My denomination background with the Brethren in Christ Church is/was if you can't live together, separate. They do not recommend divorce. There are many Pastors that will not marry a divorced person. There are biblical reasons for divorce: adultery (Pauline escape).**

13 And they were bringing children to Him so that He might touch them; and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw this, He was **indignant** and said to them, "Permit the children to come to Me; do not hinder them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. **"Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it at all."** And He took them in His arms and began blessing them, laying His hands upon them.

**Receive the kingdom like a child – isn't that how we come. We surrender, we open our heart.**

**Hindering Children in any way from coming to Jesus is hurtful to them and you. Interesting that this is mentioned right after a discussion on divorce. Children pay the price for divorce, don't they? The position of letting them get older so that they can make up their own mind about Christ, is foolish. The heart is tender at a young age. Jesus takes Children up in his arms, no other group is mentioned up in his arms.**

17 And as He was setting out on a journey, a man **ran** up to Him and knelt before Him, and began asking Him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone. "You know the commandments, 'DO NOT MURDER, DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, DO NOT STEAL, DO NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS, Do not defraud, HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER.'" And he said to Him, "Teacher, I have kept all these things from my youth up." And looking at him, Jesus felt a love for him, and said to him, "One thing you lack: go and sell all you possess, and give to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But at these words his face fell, and he went away grieved, for he was one who owned much property.

**Jesus points to the commandments that involve relationships with man: murder, adultery, stealing, lying, honoring you parents.**

**One thing you lack – your relationship with God, wealth was holding him back.**

**Jesus is calling this man into the ministry isn't he. Maybe to be an Apostle replacing Judas? Possibility that this man was Barnabus. Don't remember another offer of ministry from Jesus after the initial Apostle calling.**

23 And Jesus, looking around, \*said to His disciples, "How hard it will be for those who are wealthy to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were amazed at His words. But Jesus \*answered again and \*said to them, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." And they were even more astonished and said to Him, "Then who can be saved?" Looking upon them, Jesus \*said, "With men it is impossible, but not with God; for all things are possible with God."

**Jesus warning on wealth. Need to put money concerns not as the 1st priority in your life, (hard to do that). 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 6:10 For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil...**

**Eye of the needle = round gate entrance. Camel has to crunch to get through. All things are possible = theme throughout scriptures.**

28 Peter began to say to Him, "Behold, we have left everything and followed You."

29 Jesus said, "Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or **farms**, for My sake and for the gospel's sake,

30 but that he shall receive a hundred times as much now in the present age, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and farms, **along with persecutions**; and in the age to come, eternal life.

31 "But many who are first, will be last; and the last, first."

**Now in this present age – not literally, but in Spiritual blessings. Next age = eternal life.**

**Persecutions – not crazy about that term are we? Serve the Kingdom, you will be persecuted. Just ask our Pastors and they will tell you.**

32 And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking on **ahead of them**; and they were **amazed**, and those who followed were **fearful**. And again He took the twelve aside and began to tell them what was going to happen to Him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death, and will deliver Him to the Gentiles. "And they will mock Him and spit upon Him, and scourge Him, and kill Him, and three days later He will rise again."

**Jesus again discusses with them about his death. "They were fearful – I guess so!**

35 And James and John, the two sons of Zebedee, \*came up to Him, saying to Him, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask of You." And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" And they said to Him, "Grant that we may sit in Your glory, one on Your right, and one on Your left." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking for. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to Him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you shall drink; and you shall be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized. "But to sit on My right or on My left, this is not Mine to give; but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

**See a power grab from John and James. Are you able to drink the cup I drink? What is the cup? Suffering, pain, maybe death.**

**Heaven is free, you work for you place in heaven.**

**Jesus does not agree until he knows the question.**

41 And hearing this, the ten began to feel indignant with James and John. And calling them to Himself, Jesus \*said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them; and their great men exercise authority over them. "But it is not so among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant; and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be slave of all. "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

**More teaching from Jesus to his Apostles on humbleness.**

46 And they \*came to Jericho. And as He was going out from Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, a blind beggar named Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the road.

47 And when he heard that it was Jesus the Nazarene, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

48 And many were sternly telling him to be quiet, **but he kept crying out all the more**, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

49 And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him here." And they \*called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage, arise! He is calling for you."

50 And **casting aside his cloak**, he jumped up, and came to Jesus.

51 And answering him, Jesus said, "What do you want Me to do for you?" And the blind man said to Him, "**Rabboni**, I want to regain my sight!"

52 And Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he regained his sight and **began following Him** on the road.

**V48 but he kept crying out all the more – don't stop crying out, don't allow others to stop or discourage you.**

**V50 casting coat aside – indicated casting out sickness. At healing services you can see that: they say throw that cane away, get out of that wheelchair etc.**

**Touched, had faith for healing - Began following him – I love this, we don't see this that often in scripture. Rabboni used twice in the scriptures here and John 20:16.**

### **Summary Chapter 10: Mark an action Gospel**

Jesus continues his daily ministry.

Pharisees testing Jesus on the legality of divorce. Jesus declares divorce sin.

Disciples were hindering Children from coming to Jesus. Jesus is indigent.

Rich man declines participation in ministry. Jesus warning on wealth.

Jesus Discusses his death again.

Attempted power grab by James and John. Jesus talked again about servanthood.

Heals blind Bartimaeus

Again in this chapter shows the love for individuals that Jesus has. Jesus takes the time to minister where ever he was. I am so thankful for a Savior that cares about us. That will help us in times of need. Jesus is a wonderful Savior!