

Mark Part 20 BBQB - “One Thing” (9-7-25)

Main Text: Mark 10:17-31 (parallels: Matthew 19:16-30, Luke 18:18-30)

1) Good Teacher

Mark 10:17-20 (ESV)

[17] And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” [18] And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. [19] 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.’” [20] And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.”

Note: Look at the initial posture - Ran and knelt, asks the “Good Teacher” how to inherit eternal life

10 Commandments (Exodus 20): Jesus references 6 of the 10 commandments . . .

- 6 Commands (directly relate to how we treat each other)
- 4 Commands (directly relate to us and God)
 - No other Gods
 - No Idols
 - Do not take his name in Vain
 - Remember the Sabbath

*Rich Man starts by calling Jesus “**Good Teacher**” (vs 17), then just “**Teacher**” (vs 20)

2) You Lack One Thing

Mark 10:21-23 (ESV)

[21] And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow me.” [22] Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. [23] And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!”

Note: You lack one thing. That may seem small, but it’s big, because it’s everything.

Do you lack one thing? What do you possess that actually possesses you?

Mark 8:36-37 (NKJV)

[36] For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? [37] Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

Note: The young man left disheartened and sorrowful. he found the one thing that he wouldn’t give up.

Jesus speaks this “harsh truth” out of love.

He sees this man (with a true penetrating look), and loves him.

Motivated by love, he offers him eternal life, and the opportunity to be one of his disciples.

Jesus doesn’t chase him down, doesn’t force him, but He also doesn’t lower the standard.

We come to Christ and take him as He is - Savior, Lord, Master, King, God Himself

We surrender when we come. We don’t take him on our terms, but on his terms.

What is the one thing, that would keep you from Him?

3) That's Impossible

Mark 10:24-27 (ESV)

[24] And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! [25] It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” [26] And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, “Then who can be saved?” [27] Jesus looked at them and said, “With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.”

Note: God makes the impossible, possible. The secret is “with God”

Impossible becomes possible (this actually means “power”)

Same root word for power used to describe our utter reliance on the power of God that comes from His Spirit!

Luke 24:49, Acts 1:8 (ESV)

[Luke 24:49] And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high. . . [Acts 1:8] But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Note: We are exchanging what we rely upon in this life, for the eternal presence and power of God!

Ephesians 1:13-14 (ESV)

[13] In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, [14] who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

4) The Glorious Exchange

Mark 10:28-31 (ESV)

[28] Peter began to say to him, “See, 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 lands, for my sake and for the gospel, [30] who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. [31] But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

Note: Rich now (with persecutions), and eternal life forever.

Conclusion: Jesus is redefining what makes us truly rich.

The poorest among us, can be the most rich. When we belong to Jesus, we are his forever.

Belonging to God, following Him, filled with His Spirit, that is true riches!

The young man left disheartened and sorrowful. He found the one thing that he wouldn't give up.

Do you lack one thing? What do you possess that actually possesses you?

The impossible is possible. Surrender it to Him today. Receive true riches in this life, and an eternal inheritance from Jesus!