

# **Jesus Christ, the Son of God**

*Studies in the Gospel of Mark*

## **One Thing Lacking**

**Lesson 14**

**Mark 10:13-45**

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# “The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ”

- ▶ The summing up of all things in Christ (Gen 3:15; Eph 1:10)
  - The completion of the work of salvation – the incarnation, the cross, the resurrection
  - The revelation of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Savior, the King
  - The training of the disciples for a new administration (Eph 3:4-10)
- ▶ Three phases of the revelation of Jesus Christ
  - The revelation of Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God (1:1-8:30)
  - The revelation of the future ministry (8:31-10:52)
  - The revelation of the redemptive work of Jesus Christ (11:1-16:20)
- ▶ The Kingdom of God is at hand (1:14-15)
  - A spiritual ministry – salvation required for citizenship
  - A ministry in two realms – Kingdom of God and kingdom of Satan
  - A hidden Kingdom – deferred fullness
- ▶ A ministry of the Word
- ▶ A universal ministry – Jews and Gentiles

# One Thing Lacking (Mark 10:13-45)

- ▶ Entering the Kingdom of God
  - A lesson from children (10:13-16)
  - A lesson from a rich man (10:17-27)
- ▶ Life in the Kingdom of God
  - The blessedness of the Kingdom ministry (10:28-31)
  - The tribulations of the Kingdom ministry (10:32-34)
  - The character of the Kingdom ministry (10:35-45)

# Entering the Kingdom of God (10:13-16)

- ▶ A lesson from children/babies
- ▶ “The Kingdom of God belongs to such as these”
- ▶ Sinners by birth
- ▶ Needy but unable to provide for themselves
- ▶ Figures of salvation emphasize human inability
  - Birth (John 3:3, 5)
  - Creation (2 Cor 4:6; Rom 4:17)
  - Resurrection (Eph 2:5)
  - Regeneration and renewing (Titus 3:5)
- ▶ Permit the children to come to Me
- ▶ The mission of the disciples is to bring sinners to Christ

# Entering the Kingdom of God (10:17-27)

- ▶ A Lesson from a rich man
- ▶ “Good teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”
- ▶ Good? Only God is good!
- ▶ Obey the Law of Moses – descriptive commands
- ▶ Jesus omitted 1-4 and 10 – a low bar
- ▶ Self deceived – but no peace (Isa 57:21)
- ▶ One thing lacking
  - Exchange treasure on earth for treasure in heaven and follow Jesus
  - A bar too high
- ▶ One thing lacking was obedience to the great commandment
- ▶ A failure to know God (John 17:3)

# Entering the Kingdom of God (10:17-27)

- ▶ How hard for the wealthy to enter the Kingdom of God
- ▶ An illustration of an impossible event – a camel through the eye of a needle
- ▶ “Who then can be saved?”
- ▶ Is it easier for a poor man to be saved?
- ▶ Riches are an obstacle on top of an impossible event
- ▶ “Satisfied” with the material world – the Lesson of the Loaves
- ▶ “All things are possible with God”
- ▶ The requirement: “To feel your need of Him”
- ▶ “This He gives you!”
- ▶ “We love because He first loved us.” (10:21)
- ▶ “Bring them to Jesus . . . Hear Him!”

# Life in the Kingdom of God (10:28-31)

- ▶ Forsaking all to follow Jesus (10:28-31)
- ▶ Peter's honest question – What does it mean?
- ▶ Jesus sets the standard for all – rich and poor
- ▶ Loss of the things most important to us
- ▶ How hard to live in the Kingdom of God
- ▶ Loss for “My sake and the Gospel” is great gain!
- ▶ 100 times more gained than lost in this life
  - The loss is more than replaced
  - Plus persecutions
  - Plus eternal life in the age to come
- ▶ The rule of the Kingdom: reversal of first and last

# Life in the Kingdom of God (10:32-34)

- ▶ The 3<sup>rd</sup> announcement of Jesus' death and resurrection
  - Delivered to the chief priests, the scribes and the Gentiles (Acts 2:22-24)
  - Condemned by the Jews
  - Tortured and killed by the Gentiles
  - Raised from the dead on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day
- ▶ An example of life in the Kingdom of God for His followers
  - Christ's example for us to follow (1 Peter 2:21-25)
  - Christ's example for Him to be a faithful High Priest (Heb 4:14-16)
  - A life of faith, not personal strength (Rom 14:23)
  - Fiery trials from our good God (1 Peter 1:6-7; 4:12-15)
- ▶ Sharing the sufferings of Christ (1 Peter 4:13)
- ▶ Suffering does not compare to the blessing (Rom 8:18)

# Life in the Kingdom of God (10:35-45)

- ▶ A family project looking beyond the coming age (Matt 20:20-28)
- ▶ Jesus focuses on the important issue in this lifetime
  - The cup He will drink
  - The baptism He will face
- ▶ The cup – most often a figure of the wrath of God in the OT (Isa 51:17)
- ▶ Baptism – NT figure of death and resurrection (Rom 6:3-5)
- ▶ You will drink this cup and be baptized with this baptism
- ▶ Jesus not sent to determine honor before God, but to suffer for His glory
- ▶ Jesus' exaltation resulted from His obedience (Phil 2:7-9)
- ▶ The 10 disciples join James and John in desiring glory
- ▶ A major principle in the Kingdom of God
  - The kingdom of Satan – greatness through exercising authority
  - The Kingdom of God – greatness through serving
- ▶ A return to the example of Jesus Christ
  - The Son of man came to serve and give His life a ransom for many

# The Kingdom of God

- ▶ A life for Christ's sake and the Gospel
- ▶ Impossible to enter and impossible to live in
- ▶ A life pursued contrary to human wisdom
  - Being last, not first
  - Suffering, not honored
  - Serving, not being served
- ▶ A life of faith – “All things are possible with God”