



When Jesus Shares the Gospel

Talk 3 - Right Question, Wrong Heart Pt. 2

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Text: Mark 10:17-31

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Mark 10:17-31 (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." 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, 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!" 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." 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."

1. When Jesus Shares the Gospel: **he asks lots of questions.**

- Mark 10:18

2. When Jesus Shares the Gospel: **he points people to the law.**

- Mark 10:19

3. When Jesus Shares the Gospel: **he exposes our hearts!**

The Gospel and Money...

- Mark 10:21-22
- Matt. 6:19-21, 24

4. When Jesus Shares the Gospel: **he shares in love.**

- Mark 10:21

5. When Jesus Shares the Gospel: **he doesn't share it all.**

- What about the man original question?
- Joseph of Arimathea (Mark 10:42-43)

Applications And Questions for Reflection:

Asking Good Questions

1. Many of us say things on regular basis and don't think about what we mean. Jesus responded to the man address, "good teacher," by asking him a question that made him think about his view of God and himself (i.e, people). What does Jesus' question reveal about the man's understanding of Jesus, God, and/or people?
2. Follow UP - What are some words or phrases that people often say today that Jesus might challenge us to think about if we were talking to him?

Exposing Our Hearts

3. Ultimately, God's commands are directed toward our hearts. In the passage the man claimed that he had kept the commandments that Jesus listed since he was a child. What does his response reveal about how he views himself and God's commandments? Do you think most people today would respond the same way this man did to Jesus?
4. In the passage the man's heart was revealed by the thing he was not willing to give up in order to follow Jesus, his money. If Jesus were to ask you to give up something in order to follow Him, what do you think would be the hardest thing for you to give up?

Speaking the Truth in Love

5. Many people view God's correction as motivated by his wrath, instead of by his love. However, in this passage we get a glimpse of the heart of God through Jesus' response; He loves and corrects at the same time! How were Jesus' words (which ultimately made the man sad) an act of love? Talk about a time when it has been hard for you to correct others and love them at the same time? Talk about a time when it has been hard for you to be corrected and realize it is motivated by love?

EXTRA FOOD FOR THOUGHT: Pointing Us to the Law

6. Over the past few weeks, Jesus has responded to the same question from very different people - one is sincere (Mark 10), and one is a hostile antagonist (Luke 10). Though they have different motivations for asking the same question, Jesus points them both to God's law. What do the two men share in common that might explain why Jesus does this?