

***The Gospel According to Mark***  
***Jesus. Servant. Master.***

***Lesson 40***

**Read Mark 10:17 – 31**

**Introduction:** The reaction of the disciples was that, if what Jesus was saying was true, to be saved at all was well nigh impossible. Then Jesus stated the whole doctrine of salvation in a nutshell. "If," he said, "salvation depended on a man's own efforts it would be impossible for anyone. But salvation is the gift of God and all things are possible to him." The man who trusts in himself and in his possessions can never be saved. The man who trusts in the saving power and the redeeming love of God can enter freely into salvation. This is the thought that Jesus stated. This is the thought that Paul wrote in letter after letter. And this is the thought, which, is still for us the very foundation of the Christian faith.

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1. If you only read Mark 10:17 what would you think about this man who ran to Jesus asking how he could have eternal life? (Share your thoughts on verse)
  - Has there ever been a time in your life where you ran to God and knelt down before Him desperately calling out on His name? Do you remember what the circumstances were at the time? (Explain)



3. Jesus took this rich young man back to the Word of God. According to Mark 10:20 what was this young man's response?
4. According to Mark 10:21 how did Jesus respond to this rich young man?
- In what ways do you think Jesus showed love to him?
  - What four things did Jesus tell this young man to do that he might recognize his need for God?
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    - 2)
    - 3)
    - 4)
5. The rich young ruler was sad when he heard the words of Jesus and went away grieved because he had great possessions. According to Mark 10:23–25 what was the problem with this young man? (Read 1 Timothy 6:17 – 19)

- What warning and insight do we receive from 1 Timothy 6:7 – 10?
  - What wisdom do we learn from Proverbs 22:1 – 2 and Proverbs 23:4 – 5 ?
6. The disciples were astonished beyond measure at what Jesus said and replied, "*Who then can be saved?*" What did Jesus say to them in Mark 10:27 that gives us hope?
- How do the words of Jeremiah 32:17 – 19 encourage you today?