



*The Gospel of Mark*  
**WHO CAN BE SAVED?**

**Mark 10:17-31**

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This man had great wealth, was a ruler, and was young. He had everything and yet lacked the most important thing—eternal life. He is looking for answers. There are many false teachers and religious leaders who claim to be from God, yet they are fake. These new age pastors and teachers who will say there are many ways to get to heaven and there are many ways to get to Jesus, who if you believe in Jesus in your own way, you will be saved. Jehovah's witness, Muslims believe in a different Jesus Christ while Mormons believe Christ saves you *after all you can do*. Throughout the OT, many nations would declare their religion as the true way to God. In the NT, Jesus and the apostles encountered many false prophets and even sorcerers. In Acts 8, a magician named Simon, claimed to be united to God. Simon was a founder of Gnosticism, claiming that you can be one with the spirit world, reaching up to God through our riches, our popularity, our achievements or accomplishments. They were "Powers", and the people believed Simon was at the top of the ladder because of these so-called powers.

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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[a] 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,[b] "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."

- The verbs "DO" and "INHERIT" indicates a religious outlook based on WORKS righteousness.
- A person's focus of GOOD WORKS is usually an immediate sign of SPIRITUAL bankruptcy.

*"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven."*

**Matthew 7:21**

**1. The Law is Not For Us to KEEP, but Rather is For Us to See the Need of a SAVIOR.**

*"And now that the way of faith has come, we no longer need the law as our guardian."* **Galatians 3:25**

- Salvation comes from God's GRACE.

**2. God Gives ETERNAL LIFE to Those Who Give Up EVERYTHING. (v. 21)**

- The man realized his "WANT" of eternal RICHES, but wasn't admitting his "NEED" of eternal LIFE.

**3. SALVATION is an ETERNAL Gift from God to Those who RECEIVE Christ.**

- With MAN It Is Impossible, but with GOD All Things Are Possible. (v. 27)

*"Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me."*

*Matthew 10:37*

The only way is to follow Christ completely! There is none greater than the other or lesser than the other, but Salvation belongs to the LORD. God demands all of our love and all of our life.