



THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Seeing Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God



Part 25

"Discipleship & the Authority of Messiah"

11-21-21

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Key Point: The Lord continued His ministry with His disciples by teaching with _____ about the matters of marriage, eternal life, and salvation.

The Authoritative Word of Messiah—Mark 10:1-31

Jesus' Teaching on Divorce (10:1-12)

- As they moved into the region of Judea, Jesus was confronted by some of the Pharisees as He was teaching the people.

Observations:

- The Pharisees asked him a question about _____ in order to test Him.
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- The Lord responded to them with a question of His own ("What did Moses command you?") and they responded to Him by quoting from the books of Moses (Deuteronomy 24:1-4).
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- The disciples then asked Jesus more about the matter and He responded by emphasizing the seriousness and intended permanence of the marriage bond.
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"The practical application of this teaching in a society in which both adultery and divorce are common and legally permissible cannot be straightforward. But...Jesus offers no direct guidance on the problem, simply a clear, unequivocal, and utterly uncompromising principle that marriage is permanent and divorce (together with resultant remarriage) is wrong."
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"indignant"

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Key Point: Jesus' willingness to receive the children showed His disciples the significance of _____ in Him and ministering to those who hold little worldly value.

The Rich Young Man (10:17-31)

- Later, a rich man approached Jesus to ask Him how he could inherit eternal life.

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"No one is good except God alone."
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"Do not defraud"
3. The man's response led Jesus to have compassion upon him and to call him to abandon his _____ of wealth and to come to Him by faith as one of His followers.
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4. Jesus then addressed the disciples and spoke to them about the _____ of riches but also assured them of God's mercy.
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Key Point: In this interaction Jesus taught the disciples that following Him would have both great _____ and great _____.

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