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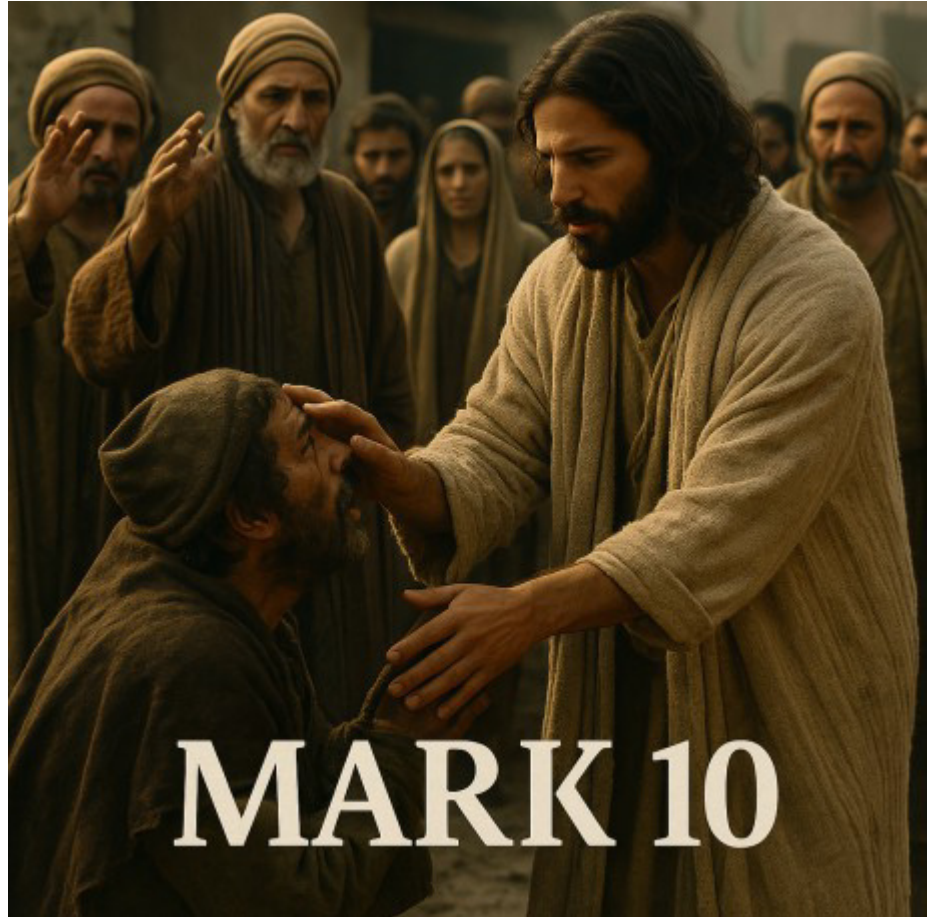
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## Mark 10

### Mark 10:1-12

Setting out from there, He went to the region of Judea and beyond the Jordan; crowds gathered to Him again, and He, as He was accustomed, once more began to teach them. Some Pharisees came up to Jesus, testing Him, and began questioning Him whether it was lawful for a man to divorce his wife. And He answered and said to them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send his wife away." But Jesus said to

them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God created them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother, and the two shall become one flesh; so they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, no person is to separate." And in the house the disciples again began questioning Him about this. And He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her; and if she herself divorces her husband and marries another man, she is committing adultery."

† Jesus raised marriage back to God's original intent, not the compromise Moses permitted.

† Divorce was allowed because of Israel's hardness of heart, but not God's design.

† The kingdom restores creation order through covenant faithfulness.

### **Mark 10:13-16**

And they were bringing children to Him so that He would touch them; but the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw this, He was indignant and said to them, "Allow the children to come to Me; do not forbid them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it at all." And He took them in His arms and began blessing them, laying His hands on them.

† Children became models of the faith required to enter the kingdom.

† Humility, dependence, and trust were exalted above status and achievement.

† The kingdom was not for the proud, but for the childlike.

### **Mark 10:17-31**

As He was setting out on a journey, a man ran up to Him and

knelt before Him, and asked Him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do so that I may inherit eternal life?" But Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not give false testimony, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.'" And he said to Him, "Teacher, I have kept all these things from my youth." Looking at him, Jesus showed love for him and said to him, "One thing you lack: go and sell all you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But he was deeply dismayed by these words, and he went away grieving; for he was one who owned much property.

And Jesus, looking around, said to His disciples, "How hard it will be for those who are wealthy to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were amazed at His words. But Jesus \*responded again and said to them, "Children, how hard it is for those who trust in riches to enter the kingdom of God! 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." And they were even more astonished, and said to Him, "Then who can be saved?" Looking at them, Jesus said, "With people it is impossible, but not with God; for all things are possible with God." Peter began to say to Him, "Behold, we have left everything and have followed You." 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 farms, for My sake and for the gospel's sake, but that he will receive a hundred times as much now in the present age—houses, and brothers and sisters, and mothers and children, and farms, along with persecutions—and in the age to come, eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last, first."

† The rich young ruler showed outward morality but inward idolatry.

† Wealth's grip is a powerful hindrance to entering the kingdom.

† True reward belongs to those who forsake all for Christ.

### **Mark 10:32-34**

Now they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking on ahead of them; and they were amazed, and those who followed were fearful. And again He took the twelve aside and began to tell them what was going to happen to Him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death, and will hand Him over to the Gentiles. And they will mock Him, and spit on Him, and flog Him, and kill Him; and three days later He will rise from the dead."

† Jesus predicted His suffering in detail, showing His full awareness of His mission.

† His path to glory was through rejection and death.

† The disciples' fear revealed their struggle to comprehend the cross.

### **Mark 10:35-45**

James and John, the two sons of Zebedee, came up to Him, saying, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask of You." And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" They said to Him, "Grant that we may sit, one on Your right and one on Your left, in Your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" They said to Him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you shall drink; and you shall be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized. But to sit on My right or on My left is not Mine to give; but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." Hearing this, the other ten began to feel indignant with James and John. Calling them to Himself, Jesus said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers of the Gentiles domineer over them; and their people in high position exercise authority over them.

But it is not this way among you; rather, whoever wants to become prominent among you shall be your servant; and whoever wants to be first among you shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

† James and John sought glory, but Jesus pointed to suffering as the path to honor.

† The kingdom reverses worldly power, greatness comes through service.

† Christ's ransom revealed His mission: substitutionary sacrifice for His people.

### **Mark 10:46-52**

Then they came to Jericho. And as He was leaving Jericho with His disciples and a large crowd, a blind beggar named Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the road. When he heard that it was Jesus the Nazarene, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many were sternly telling him to be quiet, but he kept crying out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him here." So they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage, stand up! He is calling for you." And throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and came to Jesus. And replying to him, Jesus said, "What do you want Me to do for you?" And the blind man said to Him, "Rabboni, I want to regain my sight!" And Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." And immediately he regained his sight, and began following Him on the road.

† Bartimaeus recognized Jesus as the Son of David, the Messianic King.

† His persistence in crying out for mercy showed true faith.

† Receiving sight, he immediately followed Jesus, modeling discipleship.

## **How it applies to us today:**

† Mark 10 teaches about covenant faithfulness in marriage, childlike faith, the danger of wealth, the necessity of service, and the way of the cross. The fulfilled perspective shows us that the kingdom redefines greatness, calls for self-denial, and exalts those who humble themselves. For us today, this means living as servants, trusting Christ above wealth, and following Him with childlike dependence.

## **† This is the fulfilled perspective we proclaim at Fulfilled Prophecies †**

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