**Text**: Mark 10:23-31

**Topic**: Soteriology/Eschatology

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 **The Impossible Made Possible**

“Understanding the requirements to enter the Kingdom of God.”

**Text**: **Mark 10:23-31**, “**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.” **English Standard Version**

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**Point #1**: **Recognize** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **vv.23-25**

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**Point #2**: **Be** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **vv.26-27**

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**Point #3**: **Understand** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **vv.28-31**

**Corollary Verses**: Matthew 6:19-21; Luke 12:13-21; Job 8:4; Luke 18:10-14; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Matthew 5:3 and 6:24.

**Application Questions**

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today’s sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to the questions listed below will assist you in gaining a better understanding of the point of this passage. Please be prepared to discuss your answers with your Home Fellowship Groups.

1.) Read **Matthew 6:19-21**, **24**; **Luke 12:13-21**; and **1 Timothy 6:9-10** then answer the following questions. What are some of the potential consequences of passionately pursuing riches? What are some of the benefits to storing up heavenly treasures as opposed to earthly treasures? How should a Christian view money and possessions?

2.) Read **Psalm 115:3**, **135:6**; **Isaiah 46:10**; **Daniel 4:35**; and **Romans 9:19-21** then answer the following questions. According to these passages, does God always do what he pleases? Can anyone stop God or thwart his plans? Is anything impossible for God?

3.) Read **Mark 1:16-20**, **2:14**; **Luke 9:23**, and **14:25-35** then answer the following questions. What did the apostles give up and sacrifice in order to follow Christ? What does it mean to “take up your cross daily and follow me?” What is the cost to be a disciple of Christ? Does Scripture encourage people to count the cost of following Christ? Why is that important?

4.) Read **Matthew 5:3**; **James 2:5**; and **2 Corinthians 8:9** then answer the following questions. What advantage do the poor have over those who are rich and materially wealthy? In what way are the poor actually rich? How do believers benefit from Christ becoming poor?

5.) Read **Mark 10:28-31** and **Acts 4:34-35** then answer the following questions. In what ways has Jesus’ promise of having a hundredfold more houses, family, and property, here and now, manifested itself in your life? How dos the church demonstrate this principle? How does the passage in Acts related to the passage in Mark?