



THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS (Mark 10:1-52)

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Introduction: The gospel of Mark is a practical look at the life of Christ. The theme of his gospel seems to be that Jesus is the Messiah. Mark also reveals the service and sacrifice of Jesus. In this context, Jesus is teaching His disciples. Will they follow Him? Let's study together...

Discussion:

I. JESUS TEACHES ABOUT DIVORCE (10:1-12)

- * What does the Bible teach regarding marriage (**Genesis 2:7-25**)?
- * What does Jesus say about marriage and divorce?
- * Is this a hard teaching (**Matthew 5:31-32, 19:1-12**)? Why?

II. JESUS TEACHES ABOUT LITTLE CHILDREN (10:13-16)

- * How does this compare to the previous chapter (9:33-50)?
- * Is this a profound concept? What do we learn from it?

III. JESUS TEACHES ABOUT RICHES (10:17-27)

- * Why do people trust in riches and earthly treasures (**Matthew 19:16-30**)?
- * What is significant about the six commandments listed here?
- * What else can we learn from the rich young ruler?

IV. JESUS TEACHES ABOUT SELF-DENIAL (10:28-31)

- * Why did Peter bring up the fact that they had all made sacrifices?
- * What did Jesus say in response to his statement? Why?
- * How can we practice self-denial?

V. JESUS TEACHES ABOUT HIS DEATH (10:32-34)

- * Were the disciples ready for this to happen? Explain.
- * Why did Jesus teach about this so often in His ministry?
- * How do we know that Jesus is ready for the cross?

VI. JESUS TEACHES ABOUT AMBITION (10:35-45)

- * Who is the greatest? Who is the least? Explain.
- * Which should we desire to be? Why?
- * What other teachings compliment this message?

VII. JESUS TEACHES ABOUT FAITH (10:46-52)

- * Why did the disciples struggle with a lack of faith?
- * Why did strangers have a stronger faith in Jesus?
- * What lessons can be gleaned from this story?

Conclusion: Mark's gospel seems to be written for Roman believers, particularly Gentiles. This is why he used his Roman name (Mark) instead of his Jewish name (John). He understood Jewish customs, but he wrote in such a way that the Romans could understand. He truly wanted the Romans (Gentiles) to personally know Jesus! Specifically, in the context of what we have studied today... He wanted them to know the teachings of Jesus. Will you follow Jesus?