

## The Possibility Maker

Mark 10:17-34

1. \_\_\_\_\_ hinders salvation (v. 17-22)
  - a. The good \_\_\_\_\_
    - i. An \_\_\_\_\_ way to address Jesus
    - ii. An introduction to the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus
  - b. The “good” \_\_\_\_\_
    - i. With \_\_\_\_\_ (Mt) and \_\_\_\_\_ (Lk)
    - ii. With a sense of \_\_\_\_\_
    - iii. With an awareness of \_\_\_\_\_
    - iv. With good \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. The \_\_\_\_\_ departure
    - i. Unable to leave \_\_\_\_\_
    - ii. Unable to follow \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ hinders salvation (v. 23-32)
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ of the disciples
    - i. Barrier of \_\_\_\_\_
    - ii. Barrier of the rich person’s \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ shock of the disciples
    - i. Impossibility of \_\_\_\_\_ the Kingdom
    - ii. Impossibility for man to \_\_\_\_\_ himself
  - c. The \_\_\_\_\_ Way
    - i. \_\_\_\_\_’s way
    - ii. The way of Jesus and the \_\_\_\_\_
    - iii. The way of blessings and \_\_\_\_\_
    - iv. The way without the world’s \_\_\_\_\_
    - v. The way of \_\_\_\_\_ and shock
3. God’s plan \_\_\_\_\_ salvation (v. 32-34)
  - a. Plan of betrayal and \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Plan of death and \_\_\_\_\_

*But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.*

1 Timothy 6:9-10

## Notes for Further Study

1. Read the accounts of this story here in Mark as well as in Luke 18 and Matthew 19. From these accounts, we get an urgent, young, wealthy, influential man seeking out Jesus and asking that great question, “What must I do to inherit eternal life?”
  - a. Consider this man. Why might the disciples have considered him to be an ideal candidate for the Kingdom?
  - b. What did Jesus’ focus on the word “good” intend to teach...
    - i. About Jesus?
    - ii. About the man?
  - c. Much of the teaching of the time suggested that wealth indicated someone was in God’s good grace. Read Psalm 14. What is wrong with this theory?
  - d. Does it surprise you that Jesus began with whether or not the man obeyed the commandments? Read Deuteronomy 30:11-20. How could this passage be misinterpreted? What teaching by Jesus suggests there is more than just an outward obedience to the law that is required in order to gain life by obedience to the law? (Hint: try Matthew 5.)
  - e. What is it that Jesus is asking this man to do?
    - i. To \_\_\_\_\_ all his earthly treasures...
    - ii. To \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.Is this different than Mark 8:34-37?
2. Read Revelation 3:17-19. How does this compare with what Jesus is doing out of His love for this young man?
3. Re-read Mark 10:25-27. Who can save themselves?
  - a. What, then, must happen? (Hint: read John 3:1-8.)
  - b. Who is the “Possibility Maker?” How did He do it?
4. When it comes to the “Prosperity Gospel,” why is this such an egregious heresy?
  - a. What are the blessings in this life? (Hint: Eph. 3:13-21)
  - b. What else is promised followers of Jesus besides blessings?