MARK: THE GOSPEL IN ACTION
"The Deadly Lie of Works Righteousness" Part 2

MARK 10:17-31

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- 21 And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me."
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- 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!"
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- **26** And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can be saved?"
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