

## A Study in the Gospel of Mark 8-16

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Choices, [Mark 10:1-34](#)

**1** And he left there and went to the region of Judea and beyond the Jordan, and crowds gathered to him again. And again, as was his custom, he taught them. **2** And Pharisees came up and in order to test him asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” **3** He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” **4** They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away.” **5** And Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. **6** But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ **7** ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife,[a] **8** and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. **9** What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”

**10** And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. **11** And he said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, **12** and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

**13** And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. **14** But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. **15** Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” **16** And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

**17** And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” **18** And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. **19** You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’” **20** And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.” **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.” **22** Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

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<sup>[b]</sup> 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,<sup>[c]</sup> “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.”

32 And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, 33 saying, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. 34 And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise.”

- a. **Mark 10:7** Some manuscripts omit *and hold fast to his wife*
- b. **Mark 10:24** Some manuscripts add *for those who trust in riches*
- c. **Mark 10:26** Some manuscripts *to one another*

1. **Choices**
2. **Legalism doesn't work (**Mark 10:1-12**)**
  - A. **The maze of the law**
  - B. **The deception of personal perfection**
  - C. **The need for grace**
3. **Childlike faith is needed (**Mark 10:13-16**)**

- A. **Children accept grace**
  - B. **Don't use anti-grace excuses**
4. **Being good enough doesn't work ([Mark 10:17-31](#))**
- A. **Wealth isn't the problem, it's the acceptance of grace**
  - B. **Grace replaces what you think you've lost**
  - C. **You can trust in your own works or in what Christ has done**
5. **The Cross ([Mark 10:32-34](#))**
- A. **More information**
  - B. **A mission**