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- The Greek word used for 'brought' (prosphero) suggests that they brought their children to Jesus for dedication.
- "The word is commonly used of sacrifices, and suggests here the idea of dedication." Bruce

Children Welcome

 "Will you be very angry if I say that a boy is more worth saving than a man? It is infinite mercy on God's part to save those who are seventy; for what good can they now do with the [burnt] end of their lives? When we get to be fifty or sixty, we are almost worn out, and if we have spent all our early days with the devil, what remains for God? But these dear boys and girls - there is something to be made out of them. If now they yield themselves to Christ they may have a long, happy, and holy day before them in which they may serve God with all their hearts. Who knows what glory God may have of them? Heathen lands may call them blessed. Whole nations may be enlightened by them." (Spurgeon)

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- We don't need to protect Jesus
- It is not for us to decide who should come!
- We often decide who we think is worthy to come, who is deserving!
- We have been beneficiaries of grace yet would deny the same grace to others

14 But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.

Mark 10:14

 "How could children receive such a blessing from Jesus? Because children can receive the blessing of Jesus without trying to make themselves worthy of it or pretending they do not need it. We need to receive God's blessing the same way". - Guzik

- Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.
- 16 And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

Mark 10:15-16

- 17 And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?
- 18 And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God.

Mark 10:17-18

Was this John Mark?

- 19 Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother.
- 20 And he answered and said unto him, Master, all these have I observed from my youth.

Mark 10:19-20

The 10 Commandments

Deut 6:5

- 1. You shall have no other gods before me
- 2. You shall not make idols
- 3. You shall not take the LORD's name in vain
- 4. Remember the Sabbath

Lev 19:18

- 5. Honour your father & mother
- 6. You shall not kill
- 7. You shall not commit adultery
- 8. You shall not steel
- 9. You shall not lie
- 10. You shall not covert

'Love the Lord your God'

'Love your Neighbour'

The Heart of the Law

- The first section of the commandments is labeled pietas and has to do with man's relationship to God. The second section is labeled probitas and has to do with man's relationship with man.
- Our Lord did not speak of the man's relationship to God but of his relationship to man. He could meet the standard of the second section and said he had kept them all. – J Vernon McGee

The Heart of the Law

- In Philippians 3:6, Paul said he thought he had kept all the commandments as a religious Jew. He wrote of his thinking at that time that he was, concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.
- ii. Yet in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus gave us the real meaning of the law it goes to the heart, not just to actions. You can have a heart filled with adultery even if you never commit it; a heart filled with murder even if you never do it; a heart that steals even if you never steal. God looks at the heart as well as the actions. Guzik

The Heart of the Law

 Instead of challenging the man's fulfillment of the law (which Jesus had every right to do), Jesus instead took him further down his own path. "So you want to find fulfillment and salvation by doing for God? Then here, do it all." Jesus wanted the man to see the futility of finding fulfillment or salvation through doing, but the man wouldn't see it. - Guzik

- Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me.
- 22 And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions.

Mark 10:21-22

The Love of Money

- Money will buy a bed, but it will not buy sleep.
- Money will buy food, but it will not buy an appetite.
- Money will buy medicine, but it will not buy health.
- Money will buy a house, but it will not buy a home.
- Money will buy a diamond, but it will not buy love.
- Money will buy a church pew, but it will not buy salvation.

- And Jesus looked round about, and saith unto his disciples, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!
- And the disciples were astonished at his words.

 But Jesus answereth again, and saith unto them,

 Children, how hard is it for them that trust in

 riches to enter into the kingdom of God!

Mark 10:23-24

- ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.
- 26 And they were astonished out of measure, saying among themselves, Who then can be saved?
- And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible.

Mark 10:25-27

- Then Peter began to say unto him, Lo, we have left all, and have followed thee.
- ²⁹ And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's,

Mark 10:28-29

- 30 But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.
- But many that are first shall be last; and the last first.

Mark 10:30-31

And they were in the way going up to Jerusalem; and Jesus went before them: and they were amazed; and as they followed, they were afraid. And he took again the twelve, and began to tell them what things should happen unto him,

Mark 10:32

- Son of man shall be delivered unto the chief priests, and unto the scribes; and they shall condemn him to death, and shall deliver him to the Gentiles:
- And they shall mock him, and shall scourge him, and shall spit upon him, and shall kill him: and the third day he shall rise again.

Mark 10:33-34

- And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, come unto him, saying, Master, we would that thou shouldest do for us whatsoever we shall desire.
- 36 And he said unto them, What would ye that I should do for you?
- They said unto him, Grant unto us that we may sit, one on thy right hand, and the other on thy left hand, in thy glory.

 Mark 10:35-37

- 38 But Jesus said unto them, Ye know not what ye ask: can ye drink of the cup that I drink of? and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?
- 39 And they said unto him, We can. And Jesus said unto them, Ye shall indeed drink of the cup that I drink of; and with the baptism that I am baptized withal shall ye be baptized:

Mark 10:38-39

Baptised into His Death

Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? (Romans 6:3)

- Stephen stoned to death
- James beheaded
- Matthias tied down & vultures eat him alive
- Jude (Thaddeus) crucified & shot with arrows
- Nathaniel skinned alive & crucified
- Philip hanged
- Andrew crucified in Egypt
- Mark dragged behind chariots

Baptised into His Death

- Matthew
- Luke
- James (Alpheus)
- Thomas
- Simon Zelotes
- Peter
- Paul

- flayed & beheaded
- Crucified
- thrown from the temple
- Impaled in India
- Sawn in pieces
- Crucified upside down
- Beheaded in Rome

A martyr is not one who dies for Christ, but one who unconditionally lives for Him!

But to sit on my right hand and on my left hand is not mine to give; but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared.

Mark 10:40

- 41 And when the ten heard it, they began to be much displeased with James and John.
- 42 But Jesus called them to him, and saith unto them, Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them.

 Mark 10:41-42

- 43 But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister:
- 44 And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all.
- For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

 Mark 10:43-45

- And they came to Jericho: and as he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the highway side begging.
- 47 And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me.

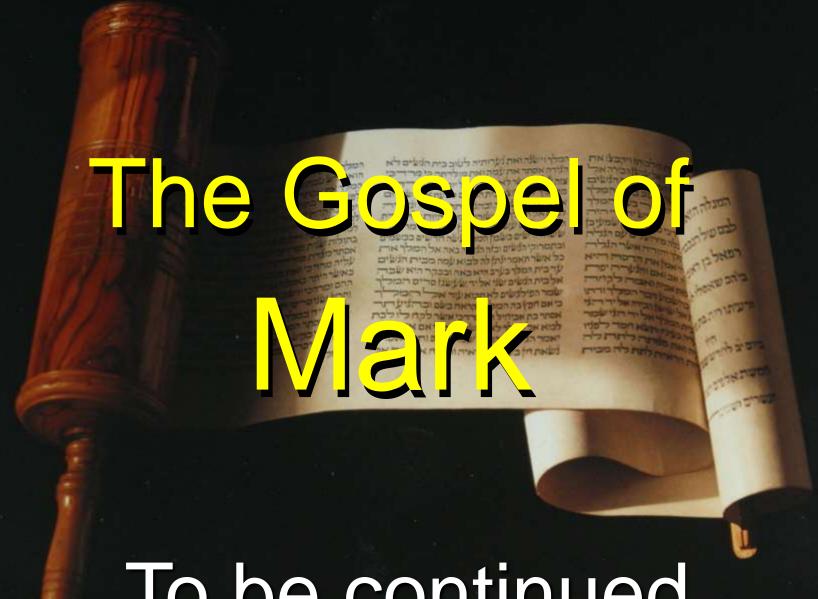
Mark 10:46-47

- 48 And many charged him that he should hold his peace: but he cried the more a great deal, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me.
- 49 And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise; he calleth thee.
- 50 And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus.

 Mark 10:48-50

- And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight.
- 52 And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.

Mark 10:51-52



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