



# No Ordinary Man

Walking With the Servant Savior

**Mark 10:1-52**

Inductive Women's Bible Fellowship – Lesson 14

Jesus blessed the children and taught about having childlike faith. He talked about divorce and the difficulty of having both worldly and heavenly riches. Again, He speaks about His death. James and John ask Jesus for a place of glory and a blind man begs Jesus to restore his sight. What is the common thread weaving through each of these stories? Jesus, the Servant Savior. He did not come to be served, but to serve. He was always reaching out and meeting needs. What is your need today?

## Background

“It was now the summer or autumn before the crucifixion. Jesus was ready to prepare the apostles—insofar as it was possible—for what lay ahead in Jerusalem. Up to this time He had spoken of His death only in figurative language, such as His promise to rebuild the temple in three days or that the Prophet Jonah’s experience was a sign that He would fulfill (John 2:19; Matthew 12:39-40). Now that the apostles knew that He was both Messiah and God’s Son, He could teach them plainly about His crucifixion and resurrection.

“Jesus taught that suffering was not to be limited just to Himself. Following Him always means self-denial and taking up the cross (Mark 8:34). For both Jesus and those committed to Him, the pattern was that suffering (and perhaps a martyr’s death) was the normal pathway that led to glory.”

Kendell H. Easley, *Illustrated Guide to Biblical History*,  
Holman Bible Publishers (2005), p. 189



**Getting started.** Find a quiet place to study. Take your Bible, your lesson and any other study tools you want to use. Begin with prayer. Take time to settle your heart, focus your thoughts and ask the Lord to help you see with clear eyes.

**“Open my eyes to see the wonderful truths in Your law.”**

– Psalm 119:18 NLT

**Mark 10:1-52** Read the passage two or three times without interruption. If possible, read from more than one Bible translation. Briefly describe in your own words what is happening.

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This text has been provided for your convenience. Use this to scribble notes, write down word definitions, highlight events—whatever you find useful to your own personal study. The translation used will vary from week to week.

### **Working Text for Mark 10:1-52**

New King James Version (NKJV)

1 Then He arose from there and came to the region of Judea by the other side of the Jordan. And multitudes gathered to Him again, and as He was accustomed, He taught them again. 2 The Pharisees came and asked Him, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” testing Him. 3 And He answered and said to them, “What did Moses command you?” 4 They said, “Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce, and to dismiss her.” 5 And Jesus answered and said to them, “Because of the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept. 6 But from the beginning of the creation, God ‘made them male and female.’ 7 ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, 8 and the two shall become one flesh’; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh. 9 Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.”

10 In the house His disciples also asked Him again about the same matter. 11 So He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her. 12 And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

13 Then they brought little children to Him, that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. 14 But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. 15 Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.” 16 And He took them up in His arms, laid His hands on them, and blessed them.

17 Now as He was going out on the road, one came running, knelt before Him, and asked Him, “Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?” 18 So Jesus said to

him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. 19 You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Do not defraud,' 'Honor your father and your mother.'" 20 And he answered and said to Him, "Teacher, all these things I have kept from my youth." 21 Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me." 22 But he was sad at this word, and went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

23 Then Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!" 24 And the disciples were astonished at His words. But Jesus answered again and said to them, "Children, how hard it is for those who trust in riches 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 man to enter the kingdom of God." 26 And they were greatly astonished, saying among themselves, "Who then can be saved?" 27 But Jesus looked at them and said, "With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible."

28 Then Peter began to say to Him, "See, we have left all and followed You." 29 So Jesus answered and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel's, 30 who shall 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 Now they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going before them; and they were amazed. And as they followed they were afraid. Then He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them the things that would happen to Him: 33 "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles; 34 and they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again."

35 Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask." 36 And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" 37 They said to Him, "Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory." 38 But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" 39 They said to Him, "We are able." So Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized; 40 but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared." 41 And when the ten heard it, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John.

42 But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. 43 Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. 44 And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. 45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

46 Now they came to Jericho. As He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the road begging. 47 And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" 48 Then many warned him to be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" 49 So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called. Then they called the blind man, saying to him, "Be of good cheer. Rise, He is calling you." 50 And throwing aside his garment, he rose and came to Jesus. 51 So Jesus answered and said to him, "What do you want Me to do for you?" The blind man said to Him, "Rabboni, that I may receive my sight." 52 Then Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road.









## Key Words and Phrases

Key words and phrases help us understand the main point the writer wants to make. How do we recognize key words and phrases? Here are some simple things to look for.

- When you see a word or phrase that is repeated, you can be sure it was important to the writer in making his point.
- A *key verse* spotlights the main idea, while the surrounding verses support and add detail. You may need to read through the chapter several times before you're able to identify the key verse.
- If you are unfamiliar with a word or its meaning, it becomes a key word *for you*. Take time to learn the definition so you will understand how it is being used in the sentence.

List any key words and phrases you found in Mark 10:1-52.

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Write the definition of the following words or phrases. Use a regular dictionary or a concordance with a Greek Dictionary if you have one.

“**hardness** of your heart” (vs. 5) \_\_\_\_\_

“how **hard** it is for those...” (vs. 23,24) \_\_\_\_\_

“are you **able**...” (vs. 38) \_\_\_\_\_



### INTERPRETATION — *What does it mean?*

**Look for a spiritual lesson.** Be careful not to read into the Bible an idea that is not there. Examine each verse in light of the verses around it. To help you find a spiritual lesson, ask questions such as, “Is there a command to obey? A promise to claim? A condition to that promise? Is there a warning to heed? An example to follow or avoid?” **State the lesson in one simple sentence.**



### APPLICATION — *How does it apply to me?*

We don't study the Bible just to gather information—we want to spiritually grow. Our heart needs to be open to change. The only way to move truth off the pages of your Bible and into your life is to **put it into action.**

To apply a spiritual lesson, we must examine ourselves and take deliberate steps to do something with what we have learned. Ask yourself: Is this a new lesson, or does it reinforce what I already know? What does it challenge me to do? Does it point out error in my attitude or actions? What changes does it require? Think of how the lesson relates to you and what specific course of action you will take. **Write your application in the form of a question to make it personal.**

**Mark 10:1-12**

Lesson: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Application: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Mark 10:13-31**

Lesson: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Application: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Mark 10:32-45**

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Application: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Mark 10:46-52**

Lesson: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Application: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Summary**

Write a simple sentence that summarizes what the passage is about. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Give a title to the chapter that will help you personally to remember it.  
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## Take A Closer Look

**But he was sad at this word, and went away sorrowful,  
for he had great possessions.**

Mark 10:22

Take a closer look at this young man’s brief encounter with Jesus. It began promisingly enough. He came to Jesus, eagerly seeking eternal life. We don’t know why he was in such a hurry—perhaps something Jesus had said or done made a deep impression on him. He sensed his need and came looking for the way to fill it. But he went away (Jesus did not *send* him away) sadly disappointed.

### “Good Teacher... I’m a good man.”

On the face of it, this young man had everything going for him. He was successful and self-assured. Friends and family could attest to his character and the fact that he lived a moral life. He wanted Jesus to commend him—and if, by chance, he could do anything more to reserve a place in heaven he was willing and able.

How would *you* have answered his question? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why is being a truly good person not enough to be certain of going to heaven? \_\_\_\_\_

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### “One thing you lack...”

Mark tells us that Jesus’ loving heart went out to this young man as he looked intently into his heart. He saw what was keeping him back from salvation. What did he lack? Don’t miss what Jesus was saying. At a glance, it seems that Jesus said, “Son, you just have too much money.” More accurately, the Lord was saying, “Son, you have *too much dependence* on your money.”

Being rich in resources and abilities can be a real confidence booster, but it can keep a person from coming to Jesus like a child. Look at what Jesus said in verse 15. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God like a child?

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This young man’s encounter with Christ ended in disappointment because he would not surrender himself to the Lord. He let personal comfort and possessions come between him and the Lord.

Read and reflect on 1 John 2:15-17. Briefly explain, in your own words, what it says.

Prayerfully consider this next question. Do you come to Jesus like a child or like the rich young ruler? Write your response in the form of a personal prayer to be shared only with the Lord.

### Something to Think About . . .

#### Nothing Between

Nothing between my soul and the Savior,  
Naught of this world's delusive dream;  
I have renounced all sinful pleasure, Jesus is mine;  
There's nothing between.

Nothing between, like worldly pleasure,  
Habits of life though harmless they seem,  
Must not my heart from Him ever sever;  
He is my all—there's nothing between.

Nothing between like pride or station,  
Self or friends shall not intervene;  
Tho' it may cost me much tribulation, I am resolved;  
There's nothing between.

Nothing between my soul and the Savior,  
So that His blessed face may be seen;  
Nothing preventing the least of His favor, Keep the way clear!  
Let nothing between.

- Charles A. Tindley -  
1851-1933



### God's Word Bearing Fruit

For you personally, what is the most important lesson from this chapter?  
How will you put what you have learned into practice?

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