

There's One More Thing

Mark 10:17-45

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A man asked Jesus, "Good teacher, what do I need to do to be certain of eternal life?"

Jesus replied, "Why do you call me good? Only God is good. But you know the commandments: don't murder, don't commit adultery, don't steal, don't lie, don't cheat, honor your father and mother."

"I've always obeyed those commands."

"There's one more thing. Go, sell all that you have and give the money to the poor; you'll have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

The man went away disappointed because he was very rich.

Jesus said to his disciples, "It would be easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God. In fact, no one can be saved on their own, but God can do anything. And whoever has left home or family for me, for the sake of the good news, will receive many times as much in return right here, right now, and in the future, eternal life."

Jesus took the twelve aside and told them, "We are going up to Jerusalem, where the Son of Man will be betrayed, sentenced to death, and handed over to the Romans. They will mock him, spit on him, flog him, and kill him, but three days later he will rise."

When James and John asked to be honored in Jesus' coming kingdom, he replied, "You don't know what you're asking. So-called rulers in this world arrogantly dominate their people. But it's different for you. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be a servant to everyone else. Even the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve others and to give his life 'as a ransom for many'."