

GOSPEL OF MARK  
JESUS CHRIST, SERVANT OF GOD

1. Test number two
  - a. **Mark 10:1-** Jesus then left that place and went into the region of Judea and across the Jordan. Again crowds of people came to him, and as was his custom, he taught them. <sup>2</sup>Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" <sup>3</sup>"What did Moses command you?" he replied. <sup>4</sup>They said, "Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away." <sup>5</sup>"It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law," Jesus replied. <sup>6</sup>"But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female.' <sup>7</sup>'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, <sup>8</sup>and the two will become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one. <sup>9</sup>Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate." <sup>10</sup>When they were in the house again, the disciples asked Jesus about this. <sup>11</sup>He answered, "Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her. <sup>12</sup>And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery." <sup>13</sup>People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. <sup>14</sup>When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. <sup>15</sup>I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." <sup>16</sup>And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.
    - i. Why were the Pharisees asking this question?
      - (1) The answer got John the Baptist beheaded
      - (2) Here is one of the great mysteries of the Bible that is not studied. Two shall become one.
        - (a) Here I am going to include my sermon notes from "One with Christ" for that is what this is really about.
          - (i) SERMON NOTES - ONE WITH CHRIST
2. The Shadow:
  - a. **Genesis 2:18** The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man [Adam] to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."
3. The reality
  - a. **John 17:20-23** " <sup>22</sup>I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: <sup>23</sup>I in them and you in me.
4. Power to become
  - a. **John 17:2** For you [Father] granted him [Jesus, the Lord] authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him.
    - i. This is salvation, this is eternal life, this is by the Grace of God.
  - b. **John 1:12** Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the [power] right to become children of God--
  - c. **John 10:18** No one takes it [life] from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."
5. Maintained by Faith
  - a. **Galatians 2:20** I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.
    - i. **1 Corinthians 15:36-38** How foolish! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies...., and to each kind of seed he gives its own body.
    - ii. **Galatians 2:20** I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.
      - (1) **1 John 3:2-3** Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.
6. Maintained by His Word abiding in us.
  - a. **John 15:7** If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.
  - b. **Song 2:16** Beloved My lover is mine and I am his; he browses among the lilies.
  - c. **Song 7:10** I belong to my lover, and his desire is for me.
  - d. **John 14:20** On that day [Day of Pentecost] you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.

- e. **John 15:4** Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.
  - f. **1 Corinthians 2:16** "For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.
  - g. **1 Corinthians 6:17** But he who unites himself with the Lord is one with him in spirit.
  - h. **Philippians 2:5** Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:
  - i. **Philippians 3:10** I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,
  - j. **Col. 2:10** and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority.
  - k. **1 John 2:24** See that what you have heard from the beginning remains in you. If it does, you also will remain in the Son and in the Father.
  - l. **2 John 1:9** Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God; whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son.
7. Maintained by Obedience
- a. **1 John 3:24** Those who obey his commands live in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.
  - b. Jesus makes it clear that divorce should not occur within the Kingdom of God.
    - i. It is about relationships - would we expect a little child, one who is dependant on his parent to ask for a divorce from them?
      - (1) In the same way, a husband and wife are dependant on each other.
8. What must I do to have eternal Life?
- a. Mark 10:17<sup>17</sup> As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>18</sup>"Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. **"No one is good--except God alone."** <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, do not defraud, honor your father and mother.'" <sup>20</sup>"Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy." <sup>21</sup>Jesus looked at him and loved him. **"One thing you lack,"** he said. **"Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."** <sup>22</sup>At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth. <sup>23</sup>Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, **"How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!"** <sup>24</sup>The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, **"Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!"** <sup>25</sup>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." <sup>26</sup>The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?" <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, **"With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."** <sup>28</sup>Peter said to him, "We have left everything to follow you!" <sup>29</sup>"I tell you the truth," Jesus replied, **"no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel"** <sup>30</sup>will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age (homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields--and with them, persecutions) and in the age to come, eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last first." <sup>32</sup>They were on their way up to Jerusalem, with Jesus leading the way, and the disciples were astonished, while those who followed were afraid. Again he took the Twelve aside and told them what was going to happen to him. <sup>33</sup>**"We are going up to Jerusalem,"** he said, **"and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles,"** <sup>34</sup>who will mock him and spit on him, flog him and kill him. Three days later he will rise."
    - i. 11<sup>th</sup> New Testament Prophecy in Mark
    - ii. What kind of answer does the rich man expect from Jesus? Jesus will answer the question!
      - (1) Who does he think Jesus is?
      - (a) How is this a great clue?
    - iii. Now let us look at the question? Let us HEAR the question?

- iv. Here is the question - WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?
  - v. Hear the answer? "No one is Good, except God alone"
  - vi. The young man is looking to his works to bring him eternal life. Jesus tells him what he must do if he is to look at his own merits.
    - (1) Go your way
    - (2) sell all you have
    - (3) give to the poor
    - (4) come to me
    - (5) take up the cross
    - (6) follow me
  - b. How hard it is for the rich to enter the Kingdom of God.
    - i. He is repeating a statement that He had just made!
      - (1) the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. <sup>15</sup>I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.
  - c. In the Jewish community then and much of the church today - people think wealth is a token of divine favor.
  - d. Jesus now gives another clue to eternal life.
    - i. "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.
  - e. And another clue!
    - i. <sup>29</sup>"I tell you the truth, no one who has left XXXXX for me and the gospel <sup>30</sup>will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age and in the age to come, eternal life.
    - ii. What did he just Say?
      - (1) No matter what you give up, it is not as great as what you will receive, "ETERNAL LIFE, now and in the age to come"
  - f. Jesus will again tell his followers what is about to happen, and again they do not hear him. The question, how much does God speak to us today and we do not hear Him?
9. Who determines greatness
- a. Mark 10:35<sup>35</sup>Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask." <sup>36</sup>"What do you want me to do for you?" he asked. <sup>37</sup>They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory." <sup>38</sup>"You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?" <sup>39</sup>"We can," they answered. Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, <sup>40</sup>but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared." <sup>41</sup>When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. <sup>42</sup>Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup>Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."
  - i. Question? Can I have a high position in the Kingdom?
    - (1) Answer one!
      - (a) You do not know what you ask!
        - (i) To be great, you must drink the cup and be baptized with the Baptism that I am baptized with.

- 1) This is the seventh baptism of the Bible. The baptism of suffering.
- (ii) Jesus now tells them that they will drink the cup and be baptized as he will be.
  - 1) **Acts 12:2** He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword.
  - 2) **Rev. 1:9** I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.
- (2) Answer two
  - (a) left is not for me to grant.
    - (i) This is one of the clues about the Kingdom. It also tell us something about the judgement seat of Jesus. Jesus will not be assigning positions
  - (b) These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared."
    - (i) It has already been determined who would do what.
      - 1) Will man ever understand that God is in charge.
- (3) Answer three - one of the least taught things in the Bible
  - (a) If you are to be a child or son of God, what should you expect when you go through eternity?
    - (i) **You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup>Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."**
      - 1) What will the New Creation do through out eternity.
        - a) Serve His God by serving natural man.

10. Last test [one of my favorite portions of scripture] - notes from my sermon "mercy of God"
- a. Mark 10:46 <sup>46</sup>Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (that is, the Son of Timaeus), was sitting by the roadside begging. <sup>47</sup>When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>48</sup>Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>49</sup>Jesus stopped and said, "**Call him.**" So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you." <sup>50</sup>Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup>**"What do you want me to do for you?"** Jesus asked him. The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see." <sup>52</sup>**"Go,"** said Jesus, **"your faith has healed you."** Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.
    - i. Jesus is on His way to the cross - the pivotal point in human history.
    - ii. A old blind beggar needs help
      - (1) **Mercy - Gods' divine character**
        - (a) To all creation
          - (i) **Psalm 145:9** The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.
          - (ii) **Acts 17:25** And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else.

- (iii) **Psalm 136:1** Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.
  - (b) But exercise of His mercy is based on His righteous will
    - (i) **Psalm 116:5** The Lord is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion.
    - (ii) **Romans 9:15** For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion."
- iii. Will not extend to those who reject Jesus the Christ
  - (1) **Luke 13:3** I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.
  - (2) **Romans 3:8** Why not say--as we are being slanderously reported as saying and as some claim that we say--"Let us do evil that good may result"? Their condemnation is deserved.
- iv. But what about those who follow Jesus as Lord and Savior
  - (1) **Psalm 57:10** For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.
  - (2) **Psalm 103:11** For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;
  - (3) **Romans 9:23** What if he did this to make the riches of his glory known to the objects of his mercy, whom he prepared in advance for glory--
  - (4) **2 Cor. 1:3** Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort,
  - (5) **Ephesians. 2:4-5** But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, <sup>5</sup>made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions--it is by grace you have been saved.
  - (6) **Titus 3:5** he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,
  - (7) **1 Peter 1:3** Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

*His love endures forever.*