

The One Who Got Away

Gospel of Mark Series – Part 33

Scripture text – Mark 10:17-31

Introduction

- The modern church took an unfortunate turn when it started telling people that the way of salvation is to _____ Jesus into your _____.
- If this were the way, Jesus had the perfect _____ to say so in his encounter with the rich young ruler . . . but he didn't.

Part 1: The Way of Entrance into the Kingdom

- In declining to be called “good,” Jesus was repudiating any connection between _____ and the gaining of _____ life.
- The man was confident of his standing with God, but wanted _____.
- While the command to sell everything was particular to this man, who is more _____ this man than _____?

Two Theological Points:

1. Jesus makes radical _____ of our lives.
 - Jesus ordered the _____ of that which would interfere with the man's unconditional obedience and devotion.
 - When the man refused, Jesus let him _____ . This is jarring!
 - The unmistakable conclusion is that it's _____ or _____.
2. Every attempt to enter the kingdom of God on the basis of human achievement is _____.
 - The only thing we contribute to our salvation is the _____ that needs to be _____.
 - A widespread & deeply ingrained belief in America is that _____ people go to _____.

Part 2: The Reward of Entrance into the Kingdom

- Jesus promises that whatever we sacrifice for him will not be for _____.
- At the same time, Jesus defines Christian existence in terms of both promise and _____.
- America appears to be moving toward a form of “_____ totalitarianism.” It’s likely Christians will come under increasing pressure to bend to the ruling _____.
- The time to prepare is _____.