TO INHERIT ETERNAL LIFE

Mark 10:17–31

Key Verse: 10:21

1. What question did a man ask Jesus, and what shows his desperation? (17) What kind of life had he lived? (20,22) What additional details do the other Gospels tell us about him? (Mt19:20; Lk18:18) In light of who he was, why would he ask Jesus such a question so desperately?
2. How did Jesus first respond to him, and why? (18) Why did he mention the commandments? (Lev18:5; Ro7:10) Why only the ones about neighbors? (19) How did Jesus really view these commandments? (Mt5:21,22a,27,28) How did the man respond, and what does this show about him? (20)
3. How did Jesus regard him, and why? (21a) According to Jesus, what one thing did the rich young ruler lack? (21b) Why can material wealth become such a problem for us? (1Ti6:6–10,17–19) What did Jesus tell him to do, and what did he promise? (21c)
4. What did Jesus mean when he told him, “Then come, follow me”? (Mt6:24 and 11:28–30) How would this invitation offer him meaning and life?
5. How did he respond, and why? (22; Mk4:19) How can we overcome such tendencies within us? (2Co8:9) What should we learn from this man’s failure? (1Jn2:15–17)
6. What did Jesus tell his disciples? (23) How did they respond, and how and why did he repeat himself? (24,25) Why is it so hard for the rich to enter God’s kingdom? How did the disciples react, and why? (26)
7. What did Jesus teach his disciples, and why? (27) How did Peter react to all this, and why? (28) What did Jesus promise those who sacrifice to follow him? (29,30) Why did he also promise “persecutions”? (1Pe1:6,7; Ro8:17b) What else did Jesus tell Peter, and why? (31)