

19:16-30

● REVIEW...

- o FIRST - The Presentation of the King – **Matthew 1-7**
- o SECOND – The Ministry of the King – **Matthew 8-18**
- o THIRD - The Rejection of the King - **Matthew 19-25**
- o Marriage...
 - The PHARISEES came to test Jesus - could a man get DIVORCED for ANY reason...
 - Jesus went back to Genesis [ἀρχή] - MARRIAGE was always part of the plan of God...
 - And what God GLUES together - let no man pull apart!
- o Divorce...
 - The PHARISEES questioned - why then did the LAW allow for it - **Deuteronomy 24:1**
 - Jesus answered - because of the HARNESS of their hearts [not understanding marriage]
 - But the ONLY allowable reason for DIVORCE was sexual immorality [πορνεία]
- o Singleness...
 - The DISCIPLES asked if it was BETTER to remain single...
 - Jesus told them SINGLENES is a GIFT that few people can receive...
 - But there is a BENEFIT to being SINGLE - use all your time to serve the LORD!

● 1ST - NOT GOOD ENOUGH... vs. 16-22

- o 1st - Eternal life... vs. 16
 - Now behold one came and said to [Jesus]
 - Good Teacher -what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?
 - Jesus was on the road to JERUSALEM - His final TRIP leading to the CROSS...
 - When a man came running up [excited] - and KNELT down [humble] before Him - **Mark 10:17**
 - He called Jesus a GOOD [ἀγαθός] teacher [διδάσκαλος] - recognizing He had the ANSWERS...
 - And asked him the MOST important question of all - how to have ETERNAL [αἰώνιος] life!
 - **EVERYONE has this question – we ALL want to go to heaven - NO one wants to go to hell...**
 - **Therefore - the answer Jesus gives is VERY important...**
 - **If we want to know what GOOD we must do to go to heaven – Jesus tell us!**
- o 2nd - Not Good... vs. 17
 - The question...
 - [Jesus] said to him: Why do you call Me good?
 - Jesus responded with a QUESTION of His own: Why do you call Me GOOD [ἀγαθός]
 - The problem with the word GOOD - is that it is a comparative ADJECTIVE...
 - Something can only be GOOD - when it is compared to something else...
 - Therefore - in order for Jesus to answer the question - He needed to define GOOD!
 - I might ask which of these is GOOD to eat - DIRT or BROCCOLI...
 - But if I asked which of these is GOOD to eat - BROCCOLI or ICE CREAM...
 - The definition of GOOD changes depending on WHAT we COMPARE it to!
 - No One is good...
 - No one is good but One - that is God!
 - GOOD - there are TWO words in the GREEK that we translate as GOOD...
 - [καλός] - the visible EXTERNAL good works that can be seen...
 - [ἀγαθός] - the invisible INTERNAL moral goodness that define a character!
 - The STANDARD of being GOOD [ἀγαθός] enough to get to heaven is God - **Matthew 5:48**
 - And since NO one is PERFECT - because ALL are SINNERS - **Psalms 14:3**

- No one is morally GOOD [ἀγαθός] enough to get to come into the presence God!
- If we were to ask the average person if they thought they were GOOD or BAD...
- Almost to the last man - everyone one of them would say they were GOOD...
- The reason is because they are COMPARING themselves to other people [not to God]
- They are NOT as BAD as the person in prison - they might be BETTER than their neighbor...
- But that is THEIR definition - not the STANDARD that God gives!
- o 3rd - Defining Good... vs. 17-18
 - The Law... vs. 17
 - But if you want to enter into life - keep the commandments!
 - Jesus told the young man: SINCE [indicative] he wanted to LIVE - he must [imperative]
 - KEEP [gnomic aorist] - the COMMANDMENTS [ἐντολάς]
 - Referring to the LAW of Moses [ἡ νόμος] - found in the first FIVE book of the Bible...
 - Not just the TEN commandments - ALL 613 COMMANDMENTS in the Law!
 - Do NOT mistake this as a COMMAND to try and KEEP the commandments...
 - Jesus is making the point we are NOT good [ἀγαθός] - because we CANNOT keep them...
 - Only those who are GOOD [ἀγαθός] - could KEEP [aorist] the COMMANDMENTS!
 - We tend to look at the LAW as a list of things we have to DO...
 - But if it is a LIST of things to DO - and the STANDARD is perfection - then it is IMPOSSIBLE...
 - We might be able to keep SOME of the Law - SOME of the time...
 - But the problem is we are NOT good [ἀγαθός] on the inside - we are a SINNER...
 - We are NOT a sinner because we SIN - we SIN because we are SINNERS...
 - Therefore - we will NEVER be able to keep ALL of the LAW!
 - Which command... vs. 18
 - [The young man] said to [Jesus]: Which ones?
 - The young man questions Jesus - which COMMANDMENTS...
 - This was a common question among the Jews - which LAWS were most important!
 - LAWYER came to Jesus and asked him what was the GREATEST command - **Matthew 22:36**
 - Jesus told him there were TWO: Love God - and LOVE others!
 - **Matthew 22:40** - "On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."
- o 4th - First command... vs. 18-20
 - Love Others... vs. 18-19
 - Jesus said: You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal.
 - You shall not bear false witness. Honor your father and your mother.
 - You shall love your neighbor as yourself!
 - Jesus gave the young man FIVE laws - out of the TEN commandments...
 - You will know a GOOD [ἀγαθός] person - because they will [future] NOT [indicative]
 - MURDER - commit ADULTERY - STEAL - or LIE - **Exodus 20:13-16**
 - You will also know a GOOD [ἀγαθός] person - because of what they do [present]
 - HONOR [imperative] their Father and Mother - **Exodus 20:12**
 - But all FIVE of these commands can be summed up in ONE statement...
 - A GOOD [ἀγαθός] person is known [indicative] by their LOVE [ἀγαπάω] for others!
 - **Leviticus 19:18** - "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."
 - The way to KNOW a GOOD [ἀγαθός] person - is by their LOVE [ἀγαπάω]
 - We are IDENTIFIED as DISCIPLES of Jesus - through our LOVE!
 - **John 13:35** - "All will know that you are My disciples - if you have love for one another."
 - Good Man... vs. 20
 - The young man said to Him: All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?
 - The young man was EXCITED - he had KEPT [indicative] all these things since he was a child...

- And Jesus did NOT argue with him - he was externally a GOOD [καλός] man...
- Mark even tells us Jesus looked at him - and LOVED [ἀγαπάω] him - **Mark 10:21**
- But there was still ONE thing that he LACKED!
- The ONE thing was NOT something he needed to DO...
- It was about recognizing WHO he was - he was NOT good [ἀγαθός]
- And Jesus would prove this to him - by giving him the GREATEST commandment!

o 5th - Greatest Command... vs. 21-22

- Love God... vs. 21
 - Jesus said to him: If you want to be perfect - go and sell what you have and give to the poor.
 - And you will have treasure in heaven - and come follow Me!
 - Jesus told [imperfect] the young man - if he wanted to be PERFECT [τέλειος]
 - Then he MUST [imperative] go and sell all he had - and GIVE it to the poor...
 - Then he would [future] have [indicative] TREASURE in heaven - **Matthew 6:20**
 - Because he obeyed the GREATEST command - and chose to FOLLOW Jesus!
 - **Deuteronomy 6:5** - "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart."
- Walking away... vs. 22
 - When the young man heard that - he went away sorrowful for he had great possessions!
 - When the young man heard this - he was VERY sad [imperfect]
 - Because he had a LOT [πολύς] of TREASURE on earth!
 - I can almost see the pain on Jesus face as He saw this...
 - He knew the man would WALK away - because he was NOT good [ἀγαθός]
 - The KEY to getting to heaven was NOT giving away all he had...
 - Jesus was showing this young man he LOVED money - more than he LOVED God!
 - The COMMANDS of God were NEVER meant to make us GOOD [ἀγαθός]
 - They were given so that we would know we were NOT good...
 - Like a mirror that can show us how we look - but cannot change our appearance
 - The LAW can show us we are BAD - but has no power to make us GOOD...
 - But realizing that is the Key to Heaven - because now we see we need HELP!
 - **Galatians 3:24** - "Therefore the law was our teacher to bring us to Christ!"

● 2ND - NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE... vs. 23-30

o 1st - Danger of money... vs. 23-24

- Hard to be saved... vs. 23
 - Then Jesus said to His disciples:
 - Assuredly I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven!
 - Jesus then turned to His DISCIPLES and warned them...
 - AMEN [ἀμήν] - it is HARD [δυσκόλως] for a RICH man to enter HEAVEN!
 - God does NOT lack for ANYTHING - He could make us all very RICH...
 - We might wonder why then does God NOT pour out the BLESSING on us...
 - If we had a BILLION pesos in a bank account - where would put our FAITH...
 - The DANGER of MONEY - is that it takes our eyes OFF of Jesus...
 - There will NOT be many RICH people who make it to heaven!
 - **Mark 10:24**- "How hard it is for those who TRUST in riches to enter the kingdom of God."
- Camel and needle... vs. 24
 - Again I say to you - 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!
 - To emphasize the point - Jesus gave a dramatic illustration...
 - It is EASIER for a camel to go through EYE of a NEEDLE!
 - FIRST view - the EYE of the NEEDLE- was a SMALL gate in the city of Jerusalem...

- The ONLY way for a camel to enter was to take EVERYTHING off its back...
 - The idea being the ONLY way for a RICH man to enter heaven...
 - Is for him to give away ALL his riches - so he might fit through HEAVENS gate...
 - Sounds nice – but there NEVER any such a gate in Jerusalem...
 - SECOND view - Jesus was talking about putting a camel through the eye of a REAL needle!
 - Money can be a CURSE – it can EASILY become our god...
 - We depend on money to get us out of trouble – rather than on Jesus...
 - It turns out it can really be a blessing to have NO money - to be poor...
 - When we have NO money – it is easier to trust in Jesus [no other options]!
- o 2nd - Impossible for men... vs. 25-26
- Who can be saved... vs. 25
 - When His disciples heard it they were greatly astonished saying: Who then can be saved?
 - When the DISCIPLES heard this - they were very ASTONISHED [imperfect]
 - ASTONISHED [ἐκπλήσσω] - to be punched in the stomach and get the wind knocked out...
 - The young man was really GOOD [καλός] on the outside...
 - They assumed if ANYONE was going to be GOOD enough for heaven - it was him...
 - But if he was NOT good [ἀγαθός] enough - then WHO had the POWER [δύναμις] to be saved!
 - Billy Graham was the most effective evangelist in history...
 - He share the Gospel with over TWO hundred million people - in 185 countries...
 - But what if we were told he was NOT good [ἀγαθός] enough to get to heaven [he was not]
 - If he was NOT good - then what chance does anyone else have!
 - Only with God... vs. 26
 - Jesus looked at them and said to them:
 - With men this is impossible - but with God all things are possible!
 - Jesus looked at his DISCIPLES - knowing they were NOT good [ἀγαθός]
 - And He told them - MEN do NOT have the power [ἀδύνατος] to be saved...
 - But God has ALL [πᾶς] the POWER [δύναμις] - so He can SAVE us!
 - **Ephesians 2:8** - "By grace you have been saved through faith... it is the gift of God."
 - It is NOT being a BAD person [sinner] - that keeps us OUT of heaven...
 - That is why Jesus became a man - He came to do what we could NOT...
 - Jesus is GOOD [ἀγαθός] - and He showed it by keeping ALL of the LAW [never sinned]
 - Then Jesus - the ONLY good man - went to the CROSS and died in our place...
 - And when we put our FAITH in Him - He makes us GOOD [ἀγαθός]!
 - **II Corinthians 5:21** - "God made Christ who never sinned - to be the offering for our sin - so that we could be made [good] with God through Christ." [NLT]
- o 3rd - Hope of Salvation... vs. 27-28
- Following Jesus... vs. 27
 - Then Peter answered and said to [Jesus]:
 - See - we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?
 - It should come as no surprise - PETER had someone to say [ἀποκρίνομαι]
 - LOOK [imperative] - we have left EVERYTHING [πᾶς] - and followed You...
 - THEREFORE [ἄρα] - an ANXIOUS interrogative - that expects a NEGATIVE response!
 - Peter assumed that if the young man was NOT going to make it to heaven...
 - Even if he gave away what LITTLE he had [poor uneducated fisherman] - and followed Jesus...
 - There was NOT much of a chance he would be SAVED either!
 - Twelve thrones... vs. 28
 - Jesus said to them: Assuredly I say to you that in the regeneration.
 - When the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory.

- You who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones - judging the twelve tribes of Israel!
 - Jesus answer to Peter was one of COMFORT...
 - AMEN [ἀμήν] - the DISCIPLES who followed Jesus - in the REGENERATION...
 - REGENERATION - the [πάλιν] new - [γένεσις] beginning...
 - When God would create a NEW heavens and a NEW earth...
 - And the Son of Man [Jesus] sits on His throne - in His GLORY - **Revelation 21:5**
 - The TWELVE disciples would also sit on TWELVE thrones - judging the TWELVE tribes!
 - **Revelation 21:14** - "The wall of the [New Jerusalem] had twelve foundations - and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb."
 - Note there are TWELVE thrones - and TWELVE pillars - so there must be TWELVE apostles...
 - Some say it was MATHIAS [chosen by man] who replaced Judas - **Acts 1:26**
 - But more likely it was PAUL [chosen by Jesus] who became the TWELFTH - **Acts 9:15**
 - The DISCIPLES would NOT get to heaven because they were GOOD [ἀγαθός]
 - They did not earn THRONES because they gave away all their MONEY...
 - The KEY to entering into the New Jerusalem - is to FOLLOW Jesus!
- o 4th - Our Reward... vs. 29-30
- This life ... vs. 29
 - Everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children...
 - Or lands - for the sake of My name - shall receive a hundredfold!
 - The promise is NOT just for the DISCIPLES of Jesus...
 - ANYONE [πᾶς] who has every left a house - or family - for the sake of Jesus...
 - Will receive a HUNDRED times as much in this life!
 - When I first came to the Philippines - I was a stranger...
 - I left my home - I left my family - and stepped out into the unknown...
 - But the Lord has blessed me with far MORE than I ever gave up!
 - Eternal life... vs. 29
 - And inherit eternal life!
 - More than being BLESSED in this life - we get the answer to the question...
 - What GOOD thing must we do to receive ETERNAL life [heaven]!
 - We must realize we are NOT good [ἀγαθός] - so we see our NEED for Jesus...
 - Then we can put our FAITH in Him - and we will become a CHILD of God...
 - Because eternal life is NOT earned - it is INHERITED [κληρονομέω]
 - And an INHERITANCE is something that is freely GIVEN to SONS!
 - **Revelation 21:7** - "He who overcomes shall inherit [κληρονομέω] all things!"
 - First and Last... vs. 30
 - But many who are first will be last - and the last first!
 - This verse ties into the next chapter - Parable of the days wage...
 - The DISCIPLES were saved - they were going to Heaven...
 - But the question still lingered - who would be the GREATEST in Heaven...
 - So Jesus told them the order would NOT be what they EXPECTED...
 - Many who thought they were FIRST - would end up being LAST!