

Assignments on Mark 10

Please read Mark 10 and answer the following questions.

1. What question did the Pharisees ask Jesus – 10:2? How is this question worded in the parallel in Matthew 19? (Note: To whom was Jesus' teaching here addressed?)

2. List other *passages* that discuss the subject of divorce.

3. What did Jesus ask them and what was the answer – 10:3,4? What reason did Jesus give for Moses' teaching – 10:5? (Think: Was Jesus' teaching the same as that of Moses?)

4. On what passages did Jesus base His teaching – 10:6-8? Explain them. (Think: Did these passages apply just to people in covenant relationship with God, or to all people?)

5. Where else are the passages that Jesus referred to in the New Testament? Is Jesus here interpreting the Law of Moses or is He presenting the teaching of the gospel?

6. What conclusion did Jesus reach about divorce – 10:9? Does this apply only to divorce and remarriage, or does it apply to the act of divorcing even if one does not remarry?

<p>7. Application: If we apply the principles Jesus used, what applications should we make to the question of whether God's plan for marriage is one man for one woman for life?</p>

8. What did Jesus teach about the subject of divorce and remarriage – 10:11,12? Does this teaching apply just to men who divorce and remarry or to women also?

9. **Define** adultery. Study passages like Romans 7:2,3 and explain why remarriage after an unscriptural divorce would fit the definition of adultery.

10. What exception did Jesus state elsewhere regarding the grounds for divorce? Explain it. (Think: According to other passages, may one remarry if their spouse divorced them? If a person may not remarry if their spouse divorced them when they were not guilty of fornication, then may he or she remarry if their spouse divorced them for committing fornication?)

11. **Special Assignment:** Based on what we have learned, what must a couple do who has remarried after one of them divorced not for the cause of fornication? Consider the application of Romans 7:2,3, the Bible teaching about repentance, 1 Corinthians 7:10,11, etc.

12. Who was brought to Jesus? For what purpose – 10:13? How did the disciples react?

13. How did Jesus respond – 10:14,15? What did Jesus then do with the children – 10:16?

14. What should we learn about entering the kingdom (note the parallels in Matthew and Luke)?

15. **Case Study:** Many churches teach that children are born totally depraved because they inherit guilt of Adam's sin. How would these and other verses apply to this doctrine?

16. **Case Study:** Some people use this passage to defend the baptism of babies. Did Jesus baptize these babies? What is the purpose of baptism according to Scripture? Did these children need forgiveness or were they acceptable to the Lord as they were? What other passages are helpful regarding this doctrine?

17. Who came to Jesus then – 10:17? What question did he ask?

18. What did Jesus teach the man about goodness – 10:18? (Think: Was Jesus here denying that He was good? What was His point?)

19. What did Jesus tell the man to do – 10:19? How did the man respond – 10:20?

20. So what did Jesus tell the man to do then – 10:21? How did the young man respond – 10:22?

21. **Special Assignment:** Was Jesus teaching that all Christians must give up all their possessions? Prove your answer by Scripture. What lessons should we learn?

22. What did Jesus teach about riches – 10:23? How did this affect the disciples – 10:24? (Think: Why might the disciples have reacted in this way?)

23. What did Jesus teach to clarify His point – 10:24,25?

24. List other **passages** about the dangers of wealth.

25. What did the disciples think about this teaching – 10:26? How did Jesus answer their concern – 10:27?

26. Explain the sense in which it is possible for God to save a rich man, whereas he cannot save himself. Note: Can any man save himself apart from the power of God?

27. What do we learn from the statement of Jesus about the nature of God? List other **Passages** showing that God is all-powerful.

28. What did Peter say in response to the teaching of Jesus about riches – 10:28? In what sense was this true?

29. What blessings did Jesus say people would receive if they are willing to sacrifice for His sake – 10:29,30?

30. In what sense do people receive a hundred-fold in this life for serving the Lord? When do we receive eternal life as an actual possession: in this life or in the world to come?

31. **Application:** Explain some ways in which people may need to forsake loved ones, possessions, etc., to please the Lord. What application does this have to the hardships and difficulties that we may face in this life?

32. How did the disciples feel as they and Jesus were approaching Jerusalem – 10:32? Why might they have felt this way?

33. What prediction did Jesus make again as He and the disciples were approaching Jerusalem – 10:32-34? Where else has He made such predictions?

34. List specific details of His prediction.

35. **Application:** What lessons can we learn and what applications can we make from the fact that Jesus knew and predicted all these things ahead of time?

36. What request did James and John make of Jesus – 10:35-37? Explain the significance of the request?

37. Where else did Jesus discuss subjects like this with His disciples? (Think: What might have motivated such a request?)

38. How did Jesus respond to them – 10:38? In what sense was it true that they did not know what they were asking?

39. Explain what Jesus meant in this context by drinking the cup and being baptized? In what sense was it true that James and John did drink the cup and undergo the baptism?

40. In the end, what response did Jesus give to their request to sit on his right hand and left hand – 10:40? Explain His response.

41. How did the other apostles react to the request of James and John – 10:41?

42. What kind of people were considered to be great among the Gentiles – 10:42? How is that often true also today?

43. What did Jesus say should characterize those who are truly great and hold the first positions – 10:43,44?

44. What example did Jesus give to illustrate the kind of service that is truly great – 10:45?

45. List other *passages* that teach the proper use of authority, even among Christians.

46. **Case Study:** Some people use passages like this to argue that Christians have no right to exercise authority, such as husbands over wives or elders in the local church. Is that a proper use of the passage? Prove your answer by Scripture.

47. **Application:** List and explain proper applications of the teaching Jesus gives here.

48. What individual is introduced in 10:46? Where was he and what was he doing?

49. How did he refer to Jesus, and what did he ask Him to do for him – 10:47, 48?

50. When Jesus called him, what did he say he wanted Jesus to do for him – 10:49-51?

51. What did Jesus do for him – 10:52? What did the formerly blind man do after he was healed? What lessons can we learn from this miracle?