Mark / Chapter 10

Short Summaries

Mark 10 is the story of Jesus healing a blind man. The man had faith in Jesus and was healed.

In Mark 10, Jesus is asked about divorce and he says that it is only permitted in the case of adultery. He then goes on to say that it is better not to marry at all.

Summaries

Mark 10 tells the story of Jesus healing a blind man and then teaching his disciples about divorce. He also talks about how children are blessed by God and how it is hard for rich people to enter the kingdom of heaven.

Mark 10 follows Jesus as he teaches about divorce, bringing children to him, and loving your neighbor. He also talks about how hard it is for the rich to enter the Kingdom of God and how anyone who wants to be his disciple must deny themselves, take up their cross, and follow him.

Application Questions

What does Jesus say about wealth and the kingdom of God in Mark 10:17-31? What does Jesus say to Bartimaeus, a blind man, in Mark 10:46-52? What does Jesus say about divorce in Mark 10:2-12? What does Jesus say about children and heaven in Mark 10:13-16? What do the brothers James and John request of Jesus in Mark 10:35-45? What does Jesus say about his impending death in Mark 10:32-34?

Exegetical Questions

What does Bartimaeus' healing reveal about Jesus?

What does Bartimaeus' healing reveal about his faith?

What is the significance of Jesus' interactions with the little children in this passage?

Why does Jesus say it is difficult for the rich to enter the kingdom of God?

What does Jesus mean when He says that divorce is only permissible in the case of adultery?

Why do James and John request to sit at Jesus' right and left hand?

What implications does this passage have for our understanding of marriage and divorce today?

What do the disciples' reactions to Jesus' predictions of His death reveal about their understanding of Him at this point in the Gospel?

Observation Questions

What does Jesus' act of healing Bartimaeus say about His compassion? (verse 52)

Why does Jesus tell the Pharisees that Moses allowed for divorce because of the hardness of their hearts? (verse 5)

Why is Bartimaeus so persistent in asking for Jesus' help even though the disciples tell him to be quiet? (verse 46)

What do James and John want when they ask to sit at Jesus' right and left hand in His kingdom? (verse 37)

Why do the disciples rebuke the parents who bring their children to Jesus? (verse 13)

What does Jesus mean when He says that 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? (verse 25)

What does Bartimaeus' healing mean for him? (verse 52)

Why are the disciples so afraid when Jesus tells them He will be betrayed and killed? (verse 32)

Group Discussion Questions

What does Jesus say about wealth and the kingdom of God in Mark 10:17-31?

What do we learn from Bartimaeus' story in Mark 10:46-52?

What does the story of the little children in Mark 10:13-16 teach us about Jesus?

What is the significance of James and John's request in Mark 10:35-45?

What does Jesus teach about divorce in Mark 10:2-12?

What does Jesus' prediction of His death in Mark 10:32-34 have to say about His mission?