

Camels & Needles

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Mark 10:17-31

²⁶*The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, “Who then can be saved?”*

1. There is nothing intrinsically wrong with wealth.

²⁵*“It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”*

2. Without God’s intervention, it’s impossible for the rich to enter the Kingdom of God.

²¹*Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”* ²²*At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.*

3. We realize the power money has over us when we’re asked to give it away.

Matthew 26:37-38a ³⁷*He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled.* ^{38a}*Then he said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death.”*

4. The power of money is broken when we recognize what Jesus gave up for us.

5. The standard for determining generosity is the Cross.