



Summer Blockbuster Reading Challenge

3 months—4 Gospels—Go!

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Take your Pulse

What is your greatest possession?

Would you be able to sell all you have and give your money to the poor to follow Jesus?

Today's Reading

Mark Chapter 10

Jesus is now back out in the wilderness where we get uncomfortable teachings. Remember that the wilderness symbolizes a learning environment. Here Jesus has a lot to say about divorce, how we welcome children and gets us thinking about our attitudes towards money. Jesus talks about the great reversal where the first will be last and the last will be first. Then he speaks a third time about his upcoming death and resurrection. The disciples are still pretty clueless about what Jesus has to say as James and John request the honor of sitting at Jesus right and left in his coming kingdom. This does not make the other disciples happy and Jesus uses this as a teaching moment to say that the greatest in his kingdom is a servant to all. Then they head to Jericho, where Jesus heals blind Bartimaeus, who then also starts to follow Jesus.



Start the Thinking

Jesus says clearly in this chapter that divorce is wrong. Why do you think most Christian churches permit divorce today, but struggle with welcoming those who are LGBTQIA+, which Jesus says nothing about?



Conversing with God

Dear Jesus,

Sometimes we find your teachings uncomfortable and it forces us to confront our sin and brokenness. Help us to turn away from the things that keep us from experiencing your kingdom. Amen



Be blessed

May the God of surprises bring smiles and joys to the everyday and ordinary.
May the God of love be seen in all we do and say.
May the God of life who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy.
Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen