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Matthew 19-20, Mark 10, Luke 18

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"What Lack I Yet?"

• Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife?

- Moses changed the way it had been

• Suffer the little children to come unto me

• What good thing shall I do, that I may inherit eternal life? ^{Mark -} (there came one running)

- What lack I yet? (Most people stopped before this)
teleios

• Rich man eye of the needle - with God all things are possible

• 100 fold - what shall we have? - first/last

• 11th hour laborers - last/first, many called

• prophesied death/betrayal - Son of Man

• greatest shall be your servant

• heals two blind men (or Bartimaeus) "Thou son of David"

• parable of unjust judge

• parable of pharisee and publican

① We're on a road ~~the~~ trip to Jerusalem. Preparatory to final week of Jesus' life

* Camel eye of needle - not a gate in Jerusalem that camels had to be unburdened to pass through

- kamilos vs. kamēlos - camel vs. rope - rope in some mss.

- Talmudic (persian) "dreams don't show elephants passing through the eye of needle"

• i.e. largest land animal (camel or eleph.) passing through smallest opening - i.e. impossible

with God it's possible - we know he went away weeping, but how do we know he had great possessions? Unless he later became a disciple.

if thou wouldst be perfect, (teleios) → purpose (telos)

we are all the rich young ruler - we have all been invited to our telos, and our future is unseen.

Luke 12:21 is not rich toward God

rich ruler

① marriage - Jesus speaks of a higher law of marriage, under which divorce for lesser reasons is not part of the covenant. But Moses instituted a lesser law. We live under such a lesser law now. The presence of an ideal ^{and teaching} doesn't mean we should judge those who fall short.

suffer the little children to come unto me

- were they infants? (they were brought)

- their parents cared enough about Jesus to bring them

- he laid his hands on them & blessed them

- He loved them (infant baptism - of such is the kingdom)

② - There's no way they were mature (teleios)

- Ties the children to rich ruler (he loved both)

- this was a custom with rabbis

- Why did the disciples interfere? (Question for listeners) in any case - this earned rare displeasure from Jesus

④ 100-fold (manifold)

the apostles will be blessed temporarily and spiritually for responding

Jesus does not rebuke them for wanting to know what's in it for themselves, only for wanting to be placed above others

⑤ 11th-hour laborers - like the 99 vs. the 1 - we are all the same

we are meant to recognize not the need to have patience with those who labor shorter than us with the same reward (level one)

but that we are all called into some vineyard at the 11th hour.

⑥ Prophesied Death/Betrayal

in all 3 synoptic gospels, uses title "Son of Man." Jesus' favorite title for himself. Worth reading Daniel 7 if you haven't already, because this title appears very prominently in the trial of Jesus.

⑦ Greatest shall be your servant - one example of "last shall be first"

others: Jews/gentiles, prideful/humble, honored during life/after death
honored by men/honored by God, children/wicked

⑧ Heals blind men - They call him "Son of David" he doesn't correct them, doesn't tell them not to say anything - his time now has come. No harm now in the word getting out about his miracles.

⑨ unjust judge - we get to choose what God pays attention to. We are co-creators of our life (with him).

⑩ Pharisee and publican - great scripture to read during the sacrament. What does justified mean?