

October 13th 2024 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B Mark 10:17-30

¹⁰⁻¹⁷As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' ¹⁸Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother." ' ²⁰He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. ²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It 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.' ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.' ²⁸Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you. ²⁹Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life.

<p>➤ Read and re-read – out loud and slowly the Gospel.</p> <p>➤ Meditate - on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life.</p>	<p>➤ Pray - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition.</p> <p>➤ Action – Attitude (Call to change / to act /to do).</p>
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In this week's gospel we see Jesus the teacher, the leader who is humble but firm inviting the man to make the leap of faith, not coldly or objectively but getting emotionally involved with the man and taking the risk of rejection. We see the gentleness and compassion of Jesus even when he is making demands on others.

When have you experienced the benefits of the help of others and of God when you thought a situation was impossible?

Prayer:

Thank You Lord for the spiritual journey you have led us on. You have given us many insights into how to enter the 'kingdom of God' which sometimes takes us a while to understand but if we stay with your Word we will eventually get the message.

Forgive us Lord for the spiritual journey you have led us on. You have given us many insights into how to enter the 'kingdom of God' which sometimes takes us a while to understand but if we stay with your Word we will eventually get the message.

Help us Lord to have the courage to speak of our faith among those close to us even though we may be rejected or criticised. Like Jesus let us bring peace to the few people who may be willing to listen with open hearts knowing that it will not be the right time for many .