

# **The Kingdom Belongs to Children**

Matthew 19:13-15

(series #108)

**Introduction:** the devastation of losing a baby or child

- I. The Background of Jesus' Statement v. 13**
  - A. Little children were brought to Jesus
  - B. Luke uses the term "infants" (Luke 18:15)
  - C. The disciples rebuked those bringing them
  - D. Mark says Jesus was indignant (Mark 10:14)
- II. The Basics of Jesus' Statement v. 14**
  - A. The kingdom belongs to little ones
  - B. This is more than an analogy
- III. The Blessedness of Jesus' Statement v. 15**
  - A. Mark says Jesus blessed them (Mark 10:16)
  - B. 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 12:13-23
  - C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 18:33
  - D. Ezekiel 16:21
  - E. Jeremiah 19:3-5
  - F. Revelation 5:8-10

**Concluding applications:** Matthew 18:3