

How Hard it is to Enter the Kingdom

Mark 10:23-27

(series #52)

Intro: the assumption that love means no standards

I. The Background of Jesus' Teaching vv. 16-22

- A. He tried to get the young man to see his sin
- B. He tried to get the young man to see his heart

II. The Statement to the Disciples vv. 23-24

- A. It would have been shocking to them
- B. The belief was wealth = God's pleasure
- C. The issue is pride and self-sufficiency
- D. The explanation in 1st Corinthians 1:26-31
 - 1. "Not many" does not mean "not any"
 - 2. Achievement can be a hindrance

III. The Reinforcement of the Statement v. 25

- A. This was a Jewish figure of speech
- B. Salvation is humanly impossible

IV. Who Then Can Be Saved? vv. 26-27

- A. The understanding of the disciples v. 26
- B. The explanation of Jesus v. 27

Concluding applications: Our only hope is God's grace