

“The Cost of Discipleship” Part 4
Mount of Olives | March 15, 2026 | Matthew 19:16-22
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Prayer of the Day

Lord Jesus, You paid the ultimate price for our salvation. If we neglect to deeply consider the costly grace You've given, we are surely led into sin. Help us not to regard Your grace cheaply, but rather to treasure it more than anything else. In Your name, we pray, Amen.

Scripture Reading

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Message Notes

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Luke 9:23

Then he said to them all, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me."

Study Questions

Read Matthew 19:13-30

Icebreaker

1. If your house were on fire, what three items would you try to save?

Exploring the Scripture

2. Why would parents bring their children to Jesus? Why did the disciples discourage this? What is Jesus' view of children and the kingdom?

3. What appears to be this young man's view on how one obtains eternal life? Is there a difference between the young man's concern ("eternal life") and Jesus' concern ("life")?
4. Of the Ten Commandments recorded by Moses (see Exodus 20), what is the general subject of the first four? Of the last six? Which one did Jesus omit? Why? Which commandment did Jesus add here which was not part of the original ten?
5. Had the man truly loved his neighbor? How do you know?
6. Why is it so difficult for the rich to enter the kingdom? On what basis is it possible for anyone, rich or poor, to enter (vv. 26-30)?
7. In this passage, how are these four concepts connected: salvation, discipleship, entering the kingdom of heaven and inheriting eternal life?

Application

8. Jesus hit this man where it hurt-in his wallet. If Jesus were to address you where it hurts, what would be his hot topic?
9. Why is Jesus so tough on riches?
10. What have you given up to follow Jesus? How is your life different as a result?