

LESSON 62

1. When Jesus heard that Lazarus was sick, why did He not go to Lazarus immediately?

-Because Jesus wanted to show His mighty power as God the Savior.

2. Martha thought that Jesus was going to bring her brother Lazarus back to life on the last day. Is that what Jesus meant?

-No.

3. What did Martha mean by the last day?

-The last day will be the end of time when all people who have died will be brought back to life.

-On the last day, God will judge all people for the sins which they have committed.

4. Why did Lazarus not have to wait until the last day to be raised from the dead?

-Because Jesus was there, and Jesus is the resurrection and the life.

5. Jesus said that whoever believes in Him will live even though they die. How can a man live even though he dies?

-Jesus was saying that whoever believes in Him, their souls will go to Heaven to live with God even though their bodies die.

6. Why was Jesus able to give life to dead Lazarus?

-Because Jesus created all life.

7. Why did Jesus decide to raise Lazarus from the dead?

-Because Jesus wanted to show all people that God has power even over death.

8. Who wanted to kill Jesus?

-The chief priests and the Pharisees.

9. Who was leading the chief priests and the Pharisees to kill Jesus?

-Satan.

-The people liked to bring their children to Jesus.

Let's read Mark 10:13

13-People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them.

-Why did the disciples rebuke the people for bringing their children to Jesus?

-The disciples thought that Jesus did not want to be bothered by children.

-Was Jesus bothered by the children?

-No.

-What did Jesus say to His disciples?

Let's read Mark 10:14

14-When Jesus saw this, He was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

-Why was Jesus angry with His disciples?

-Because His disciples were preventing the people from bringing their children to Him.

-Does Jesus love all children?

-Yes.

-Why does Jesus love all children?

-Because Jesus created all children.

-Because Jesus created all children, Jesus desires to save all children.

-Are children also born into sin as slaves of Satan?

-Yes.

-Do children also need to be saved from the power of sin, death, and Satan?

-Yes.

-This is why it is important for children to listen to the Word of God as well.

-What did Jesus then say about children and the kingdom of God?

Let's read Mark 10:15-16

15-Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."

16-And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them, and blessed them.

-What did Jesus mean that anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it?

-Jesus meant that if we do not believe in God with the faith of a child, then we will never be saved.

-What is the faith of a child like?

-The faith of a child is totally complete.

-The faith of a child is with all of his heart.

-When a little baby boy suckles at his mother's breast, he trusts his mother with all of his heart.

-When a little baby girl is carried on her mother's back, she trusts her mother with all of her heart.

-Just like a child trusts his mother with all of his heart, Jesus said that we must trust God with all of our hearts.

-If we do not believe in God with all of our hearts, then we will never be saved.

-As Jesus started on His way, a rich young man came to Jesus and asked Jesus a question.

Let's read Mark 10:17

17-As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

-What was the question the rich young man asked Jesus?

-“What must I do to inherit eternal life?”

-What was the rich young man really asking Jesus?

-He was asking Jesus what good work must he do to earn eternal life.

-He was asking Jesus what good work must he do to pay for eternal life.

-Can our good works earn eternal life?

-No.

-Can our good works pay for eternal life?

-No.

-What did Jesus reply?

Let's read Mark 10:18

18-“Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered.
“No one is good--except God alone.

-Jesus asked the rich young man why he called Him good.

-Then, Jesus said that no one is good except God alone.

-Was Jesus denying that He was good?

-No.

-Was Jesus denying that He was God?

-No.

-Then why did Jesus say what He said?

-Jesus wanted the rich young man to understand that because people are born into sin, they are not good.

-Jesus also wanted the rich young man to understand that because God alone is without sin, only God is good.

-How did the rich young man think that he was able to earn eternal life?

-By doing good works.

-What did the rich young man not understand?

-The rich young man did not understand that good works do not make us good.

-The rich young man did not understand that good works do not change our bad into good.

-The rich young man did not understand that the good works which we do on the outside do not change our evil hearts which are on the inside.

-Here is an illustration:

-If a fruit is rotten on the inside, will it be changed if we wash the fruit on the outside?

-No.

-The fruit is still rotten on the inside.

-If a fruit is full of worms on the inside, will it be changed if we rub off the dirt on the outside?

-No.

-The fruit is still full of worms on the inside.

-The rich young man did not understand that he was born with a heart like a rotten fruit full of worms.

-Even though the rich young man was trying to do good works on the outside, it did not change his evil heart on the inside.

-Jesus was teaching the rich young man that no human was good because all people have been born with a rotten heart.

-Because our hearts are born into sin, no good work will change our heart.

-We cannot become good by doing good works.

-Good works will not cause us to become good.

-What did Jesus then say?

Let's read Mark 10:19-20

19-Jesus said, "You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, do not defraud, honor your father and mother.'"

20-"Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy."

-What did the rich young man reply?

-He said that he had kept all of God's commandments since he was a boy.

-Is that true?

-No.

-Can anyone keep all of God's commandments?

-No.

-What did the rich young man not understand?

-The rich young man did not understand that even if he did keep all of God's commandments on the outside, his heart on the inside had still broken every one of God's commandments.

-Jesus taught that if a man hates another man, then he has already committed murder in his heart.

-Jesus taught that if a man looks at a woman and desires her, then he has already committed adultery in his heart.

-Do you remember why God gave His commandments to the Israelites in the desert?

-God knew that the Israelites were not able to keep all of His commandments.

-Why did God give the Israelites His commandments?

-To show the Israelites that they were never able to keep all of His commandments.

-To show them that their hearts were full of sin.

-To show them that their hearts were rotten.

-To show them that they were not good.

-To show them that no one is good except God alone.

-Even if we try very hard and keep all of God's commandments on the outside, our hearts are still rotten on the inside.

-Even if we try very hard and our works are good, our hearts will never be good before God.

-What did Jesus then do?

Let's read Mark 10:21a

21-Jesus looked at him and loved him.

-Even though this rich young man did not understand that his heart was not good before God, Jesus loved him.

-Why did Jesus love this rich young man?

-Because Jesus had created him.

-Because Jesus wanted to save him from his evil heart.

-Jesus loves all people, and wants to save everyone from their evil hearts which are in the inside.

-What then did Jesus say to the rich young man?

Let's read Mark 10:21b

21-Jesus said, “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

-What did Jesus tell the rich young man that he must do?

-That he must sell everything that he had, give it to the poor, and follow Jesus.

-Why did Jesus say that?

-Because Jesus wanted to save the rich young man from his evil heart.

-Jesus knew that the rich young man loved his wealth more than he loved the poor.

-Jesus knew that the rich young man loved his wealth more than he loved God.

-If we love wealth more than God, will God save us?

-No.

-What did the rich young man then do?

Let's read Mark 10:22-24

22-At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

23-Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!”

24-The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!”

-Why did the rich young man go away sad?

-Because he had great wealth.

-Because he was not willing to give all of his great wealth away.

-Because he was not willing for Jesus to change his evil heart.

-When people had asked Jesus earlier what they must do to have eternal life, what did Jesus tell them?

Let's read John 6:28-29

28-Then they asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?”

29-Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.”

-The only work that we must do to have eternal life is to believe in Jesus Christ.

-Who is the only One who can save us from our evil hearts?

-Jesus Christ.