

Teachings

CHARACTERS: Jesus, Peter, James, Man, Pharisee

SETTING: Judea, time of Christ

RUN TIME: 4 minutes

SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: Mark 10

Before you read: Consider that the rich young ruler is Joseph of Arimathea. How will this affect how you read his lines? Who else in the life of Jesus might this man be?

PHARISEE: Jesus crossed the Jordan into Judea where crowds converged on him as he taught.

PHH: Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?

JESUS: What did Moses command you?

PHH: Moses permitted us to write divorce papers and send her away.

JESUS: He wrote this command for you because of the hardness of your hearts.

ALL: But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female.

JESUS: For this reason a man will leave his father and mother [and be joined to his wife

ALL: and the two will become one flesh.

JESUS: So they are no longer two, but one flesh.

ALL: Therefore what God has joined together, man must not separate.

PHARISEE: Explain this to us disciples.

JESUS: Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her. Also, if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.

JUDAS: These stupid people are bringing little children to Jesus so He might touch them. *(to people, mean)* Get out of here! Go on! Get!

JESUS: *(indignant)* Let the little children come to Me. Don't stop them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

PHARISEE: Really?

JESUS: I assure you: Whoever does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.

PHARISEE: After taking them in His arms, He laid His hands on them and blessed them.

MAN: *(kneeling)* Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?

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JESUS: Why do you call me good? No one is good but One—God. You know the commandments:

ALL: Do not murder;

MAN: do not commit adultery;

ALL: do not steal;

MAN: do not bear false witness;

ALL: do not defraud;

JESUS: honor your father and mother.

MAN: Teacher, I have kept all these from my youth.

JESUS: *(looking at him with love)* You lack one thing: Go, sell all you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.

PHARISEE: But the man was stunned at this demand, and he went away grieving, because he had many possessions.

JESUS: *(to His disciples)* How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!

JAMES: *(astonished)* Really? Why?

JESUS: Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.

JAMES: Then who can be saved?

JESUS: With men it is impossible, but not with God, because all things are possible with God.

PHARISEE: Look, we have left everything and followed you.

JESUS: I assure you, there is no one who has left house, brothers or sisters, mother or father, children, or fields because of me and the gospel, who will not receive 100 times more, now at this time

ALL: houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields,

JESUS: with persecutions—and eternal life in the age to come. But many who are first will be last, and the last first.

Another Prediction of Jesus Death

CHARACTERS: Peter, James, John, Jesus

SETTING: Jerusalem, time of Christ

RUN TIME: 2 minutes

SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: Mark 10

JAMES: (*astonished*) We are going to Jerusalem!

PETER: Yes, and I am afraid.

JAMES: We all are.

JESUS: (*taking the Twelve aside*) Listen! We are going up to Jerusalem. The Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn Him to death. Then they will hand Him over to the Gentiles, and they will mock Him, spit on Him, flog[k] Him, and kill Him, and He will rise after three days.

JAMES: (*so only Jesus and John can hear*) Teacher, we want you to do something for us if we ask you.

JESUS: What do you want me to do for you?

JAMES: Allow us to sit at your right and at your left in your glory.

JESUS: You don't know what you're asking. Are you able to drink the cup I drink or to be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?

JOHN: We are able.

JESUS: You will drink the cup I drink, and you will be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with. But to sit at my right or left is not mine to give; instead, it is for those it has been prepared for.

PETER: (*indignant with James and John to other disciples*) Where do you come off asking for that special privilege?

JESUS: You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles dominate them, and their men of high positions exercise power over them.

PETER: Yes.

JESUS: But it must not be like that among you. On the contrary, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must be a slave to all.

ALL: For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life—a ransom for many.

A Blind Man Healed

CHARACTERS: Jesus, Peter, Blind Bartimaeus, man, woman

RUN TIME: 1 minute

SETTING: Jericho, time of Christ

SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: Mark 10

Before you read: How hard would it be for a blind man to find his coat in a crowd of people? Do you think a blind man has many coats? Why or why not? Why would he toss aside his coat to get to Jesus?

JESUS: Let us leave Jericho.

PETER: There's a large crowd following us.

BART: Why are so many people here?

MAN: Jesus the Nazarene is passing by.

BART: Son of David, Jesus, have mercy on me!

MAN: Shut up.

WOMAN: Keep quiet.

BART: *(louder)* Have mercy on me, Son of David!

JESUS: Call him.

WOMAN: Have courage! Get up; He's calling for you.

PETER: The blind man threw off his coat, jumped up, and came to Jesus.

JESUS: What do you want me to do for you?

BART: Rabbouni, I want to see!

JESUS: Go your way; your faith has healed you.

BART: *(flowing Jesus)* I can see! I can see!

Immediately he could see and began to follow Him on the road.