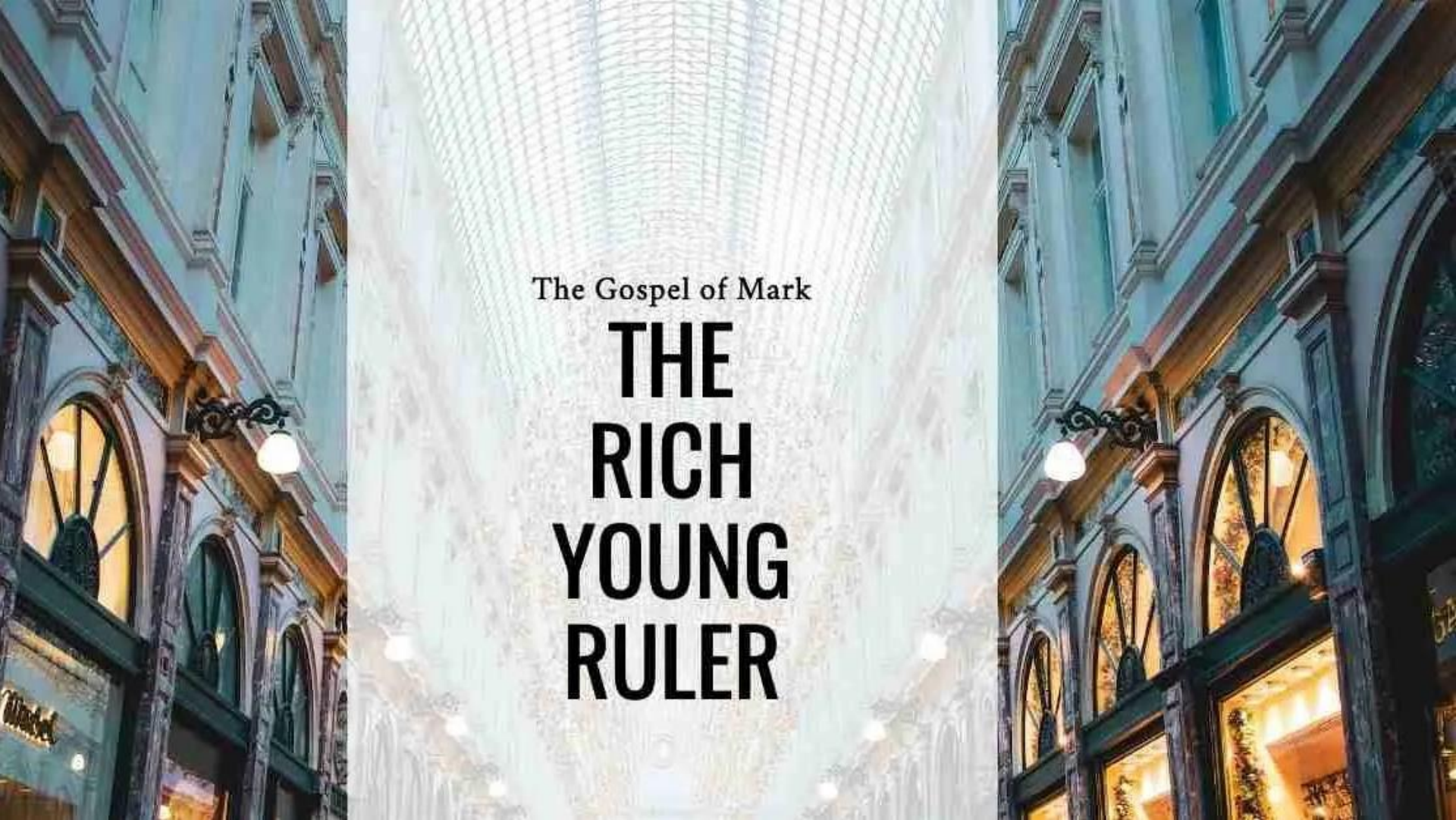


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The Gospel of Mark

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Matthew:

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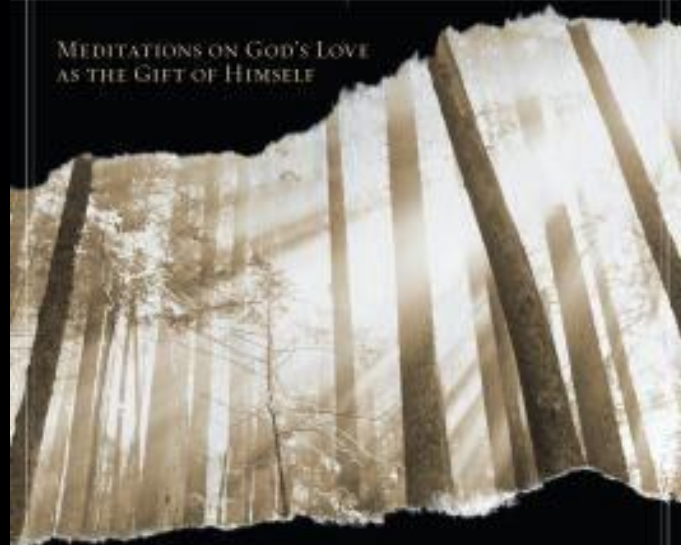
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MEDITATIONS ON GOD'S LOVE
AS THE GIFT OF HIMSELF



JOHN PIPER

Mark 10:17-22

¹⁸“Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good – except God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.’”

Mark 10:17-22

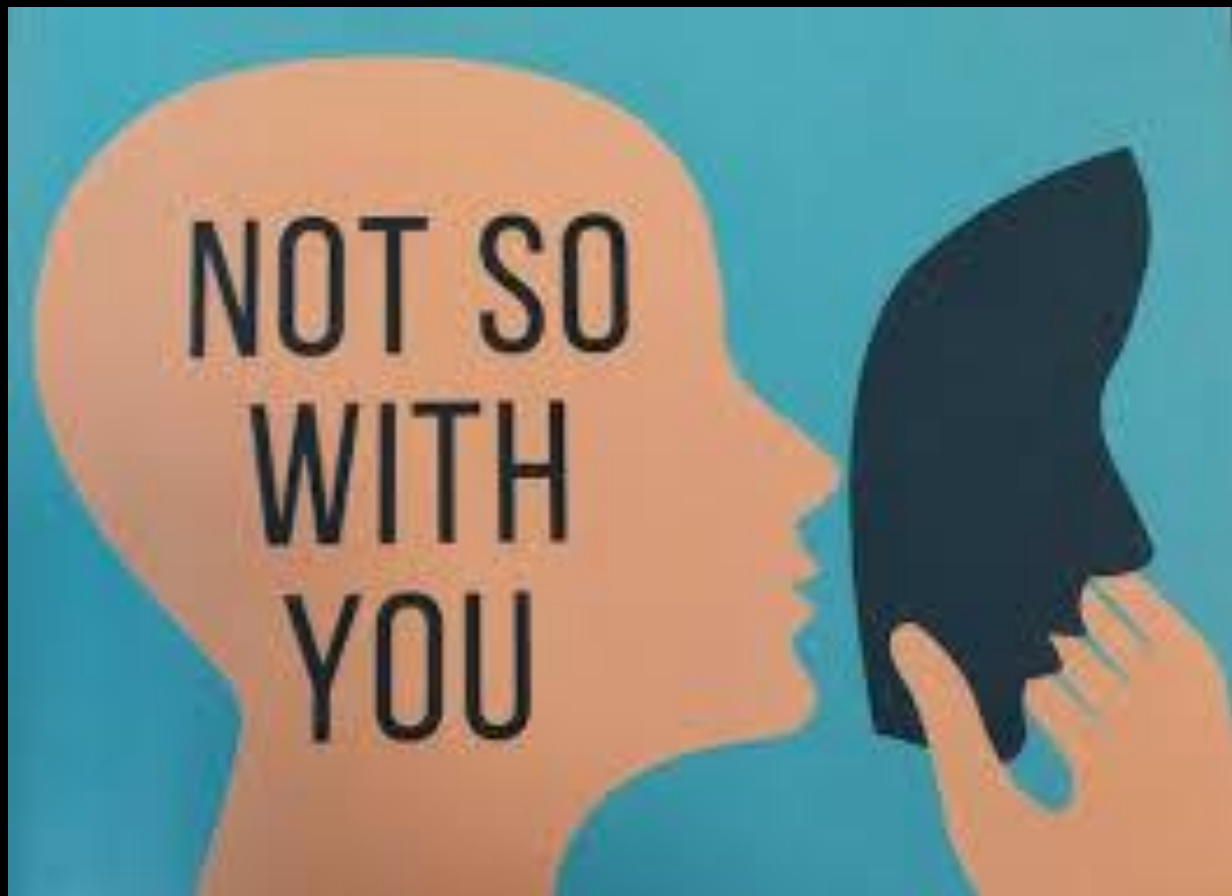
²⁰“Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.”

Mark 10:17-22

²¹Jesus looked at him and loved him. “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.”

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





Today's Message:

Not so with you

Mark 10:32-45



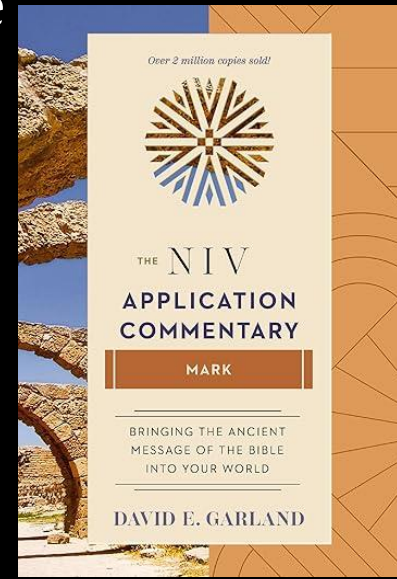
On to Jerusalem

Mark 10:32

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The disciples and Jesus are marching to Zion. Jesus goes there as the Messiah, who invites all Israel to come under God's mysterious dominion, not just those living in Galilee. Marcus contends that Mark gives the victory procession pictured in Isaiah 35:10 (see also 42:13; 59:20; 62:11) an ironic twist: "The fearful trek of the befuddled, bedraggled little band of disciples *is* the return of Israel to Zion, and Jesus' suffering and death there *are* the prophesied apocalyptic victory of the divine warrior." [Joel Marcus, *The Way of the Lord*, p. 36] Jesus goes to Jerusalem not to triumph in a military campaign but to die.

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The disciple's reaction

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Jesus does not relieve their anxiety

Mark 10:32-34

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How tone deaf can you possibly get?

Mark 10:35-37

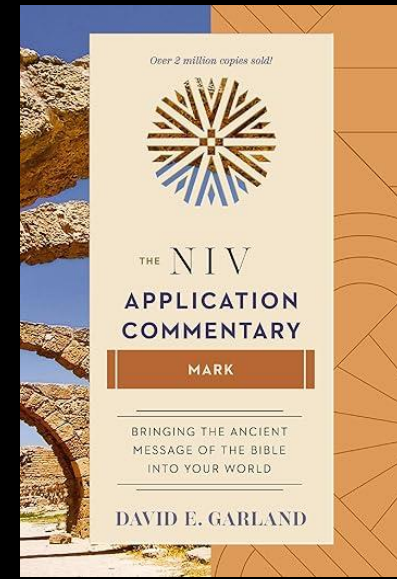
³⁵Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him.
“Teacher,” they said, “we want you to do
for us whatever we ask.”

³⁶“What do you want me to do for you?” he asked.

³⁷They replied, “Let one of us sit at your right and the other at
your left in your glory.”

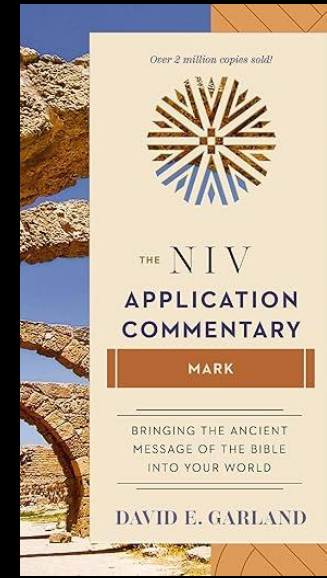
As Jesus draws nearer to his ordeal, the disciples do not draw nearer to understanding. Each time he speaks to them about his suffering, his words go in one ear and out the other. Immediately after his announcement, James and John come sidling up to him with a special request. The earlier dispute about status and rank among the disciples (9:34) was silenced but not buried. These two act like brazen fortune hunters when they ask Jesus to guarantee that one can sit on his right and the other on his left when he comes into his glory...

These two are no different from Peter as they envision an earthly kingdom established and run according to human norms (8:33). They still



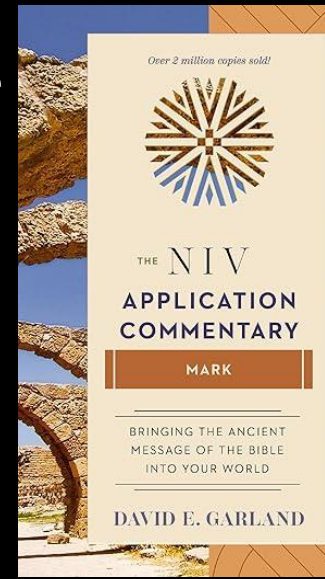
misinterpret what it means for Jesus to be the Messiah and assume that when he ushers in the new age, they as his friends will receive special privileges. The new age they look forward to has all the earmarks of the old age; pork-barrel politics and nepotism still reign supreme. They foresee themselves as the elite of the elite, ruling over others in an earthly empire...

What they do not realize is that Jesus' glory will not become fully manifest to all until after great tribulation (13:24, 26). They also do not realize that two bandits will be crucified with Jesus, "one on his right and one on his left" (15:27, the only other place in Mark where these words occur), when he begins his reign from the cross.



“But the Zebedee brothers are not asking for the honor of being crucified with Jesus. What they really expect is a kingdom for themselves, where they can impose their own will on others. They hope to replace the self-serving oppressive power structure of the Romans with their own self-serving oppressive power structure. Nothing changes except the names of the rulers. Oppressive power gets recycled and new tyrants rise on the scene. The worldly ambition to be at the top and to beat down others still rules..”

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**YOU STAY HERE AND MAKE SURE
HE DOESN'T LEAVE THE ROOM.**

The first time: Not Peter's best day

Mark 8:31-33

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³³But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

Second Time:

“What were you arguing about?”

Mark 9:30-37

³⁰They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, ³¹because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise.” ³²But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.

Second Time:

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Mark 9:30-37

³³They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the road?” ³⁴But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.

Second Time:
“What were you arguing about?”

Mark 9:30-37

³⁵Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said,
“Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last,
and the servant of all.”

Parallel conversation - part one

Can you do this?

Mark 10:38-39

³⁸“You don’t know what you are asking,” Jesus said. “Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?”

³⁹“We can,” they answered.

Parallel conversation - part two
*You will do this! But it is NOTHING
like what you expect*

Mark 10:39-40

Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, ⁴⁰but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared."

The other disciples anger toward James and John

Mark 10:41

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THE WHEELS ARE COMING OFF



YOU LISTEN TO ME



RIGHT NOW

Look! Let's get this right, finally!

1. This is the way people who don't know me act

Mark 10:42

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3. The way of the kingdom

Mark 10:43-44

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4. Follow my incredible example

Mark 10:45

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