

# 40 Days of Prayer & Devotion to Easter

## Day 9

*Mark 10:25-27*

*“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.” And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.”*

*These verses come from the story of the rich young ruler. This young wealthy man had a personal encounter with Jesus where he asked Jesus how he could obtain eternal life. He essentially tried to sell himself to Jesus by listing his qualifications of worthiness. He boasted about how he had kept the commandments from the time he was a child, he thought his perceived external goodness was enough to earn eternal life.*

*Beginning in verse 21 the Bible says, Looking at him, Jesus felt a love for him and said to him, “One thing you lack: go and sell all you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” But at these words he was saddened, and he went away grieving, for he was one who owned much property.*

*Though this man had a desire for spiritual things, he was not willing to surrender all and follow Jesus. He chose instead to cling to his temporal possessions and his perceived self-righteousness because he deemed them more valuable than what Jesus was offering him. He chose wrong.*

*In response to this, the disciples asked, “who then can be saved?” Jesus, answered, “With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.”*

*Souls are saved today the same way they have always been saved, through the power of God. Only God can bring men to heaven by the mighty power of his grace. He can change a rich man’s heart and cause him to put his trust in the living God. He has changed hearts all throughout history, and He is still changing hearts today.*

– Pastor Ryan McDaniel

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