

Perean Ministry—Jesus Blesses the Children (c. March 22–27, 33)

Matthew 19:13–15	Mark 10:13–16	Luke 18:15–17
<p>13 Then little children were brought to him for him to lay his hands on them and pray. But the disciples scolded those who brought them.</p> <p>14 But Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me and do not try to stop them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”</p> <p>15 And he placed his hands on them and went on his way.</p>	<p>13 Now people were bringing little children to him for him to touch, but the disciples scolded those who brought them.</p> <p>14 But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me and do not try to stop them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.</p> <p>15 I tell you the truth, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will never enter it.”</p> <p>16 After he took the children in his arms, he placed his hands on them and blessed them.</p>	<p>15 Now people were even bringing their babies to him for him to touch. But when the disciples saw it, they began to scold those who brought them.</p> <p>16 But Jesus called for the children, saying, “Let the little children come to me and do not try to stop them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.</p> <p>17 I tell you the truth, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will never enter it.”</p>

Perean Ministry—The Rich Young Ruler (c. March 22–27, 33)

Matthew 19:16–30	Mark 10:17–31	Luke 18:18–30
<p>16 Now someone came up to him and said, “Teacher, what good thing must I do to gain eternal life?”</p> <p>17 He said to him, “Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.”</p> <p>18 “Which ones?” he asked. Jesus replied,</p> <p><i>“Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony,</i></p> <p><i>19 honor your father and mother,</i> [Exod 20:12–16; Deut 5:16–20] <i>and love your neighbor as yourself.”</i> [Lev 19:18]</p> <p>20 The young man said to him, “I have wholeheartedly obeyed all these laws. What do I still lack?”</p> <p>21 Jesus said to him, “If you wish to be perfect, go sell your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”</p> <p>22 But when the young man heard this he went away sorrowful, for he was very rich.</p> <p>23 Then Jesus said to his disciples, “I tell you the truth, it will be hard for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven!</p>	<p>17 Now as Jesus was starting out on his way, someone ran up to him, fell on his knees, and said, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”</p> <p>18 Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone.</p> <p>19 You know the commandments: <i>‘Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, do not defraud, honor your father and mother.’”</i></p> <p>20 The man said to him, “Teacher, I have wholeheartedly obeyed all these laws since my youth.”</p> <p>21 As Jesus looked at him, he felt love for him and said, “You lack one thing. Go, sell whatever you have and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”</p> <p>22 But at this statement, the man looked sad and went away sorrowful, for he was very rich.</p> <p>23 Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!”</p>	<p>18 Now a certain ruler asked him, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”</p> <p>19 Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone.</p> <p>20 You know the commandments: <i>‘Do not commit adultery, do not murder, do not steal, do not give false testimony, honor your father and mother.’”</i></p> <p>21 The man replied, “I have wholeheartedly obeyed all these laws since my youth.”</p> <p>22 When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”</p> <p>23 But when the man heard this he became very sad, for he was extremely wealthy.</p> <p>24 When Jesus noticed this, he said, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!</p>

<p>24 Again I say, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter into the kingdom of God.”</p> <p>25 The disciples were greatly astonished when they heard this and said, “Then who can be saved?”</p> <p>26 Jesus looked at them and replied, “This is impossible for mere humans, but for God all things are possible.”</p> <p>27 Then Peter said to him, “Look, we have left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us?”</p> <p>28 Jesus said to them, “I tell you the truth: In the age when all things are renewed, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.</p> <p>29 And whoever has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields for my sake</p> <p>will receive a hundred times as much</p> <p>and will inherit eternal life.</p> <p>30 But many who are first will be last, and the last first.</p>	<p>24 The disciples were astonished at these words. But again Jesus said to them, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!</p> <p>25 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.”</p> <p>26 They were even more astonished and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?”</p> <p>27 Jesus looked at them and replied, “This is impossible for mere humans, but not for God; all things are possible for God.”</p> <p>28 Peter began to speak to him, “Look, we have left everything to follow you!”</p> <p>29 Jesus said, “I tell you the truth,</p> <p>there is no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for my sake and for the sake of the gospel</p> <p>30 who will not receive in this age a hundred times as much— homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, fields, all with persecutions— and in the age to come, eternal life.</p> <p>31 But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”</p>	<p>25 In fact, 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.”</p> <p>26 Those who heard this said, “Then who can be saved?”</p> <p>27 He replied, “What is impossible for mere humans is possible for God.”</p> <p>28 And Peter said, “Look, we have left everything we own to follow you!”</p> <p>29 Then Jesus said to them, “I tell you the truth,</p> <p>there is no one who has left home or wife or brothers or parents or children for the sake of God’s kingdom</p> <p>30 who will not receive many times more in this age—</p> <p>and in the age to come, eternal life.”</p>
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Perean Ministry—Parable of the Generous Landowner (c. March 22–27, 33)

Matthew 20:1–16

1 “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard.

2 And after agreeing with the workers for the standard wage, he sent them into his vineyard.

3 When it was about nine o’clock in the morning, he went out again and saw others standing around in the marketplace without work.

4 He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and I will give you whatever is right.’

5 So they went. When he went out again about noon and three o’clock that afternoon, he did the same thing.

6 And about five o’clock that afternoon he went out and found others standing around, and said to them, ‘Why are you standing here all day without work?’

7 They said to him, ‘Because no one hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go and work in the vineyard too.’

8 When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the workers and give the pay starting with the last hired until the first.’

9 When those hired about five o’clock came, each received a full day’s pay.

10 And when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more. But each one also received the standard wage.

11 When they received it, they began to complain against the landowner,

12 saying, ‘These last fellows worked one hour, and you have made them equal to us who bore the hardship and burning heat of the day.’

13 And the landowner replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am not treating you unfairly. Didn’t you agree with me to work for the standard wage?’

14 Take what is yours and go. I want to give to this last man the same as I gave to you.

15 Am I not permitted to do what I want with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’

16 So the last will be first, and the first last.”

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