

## Sermon notes

### Depending empty-handed on Jesus

Mark 10:13-31

*Intro: does entry to God's kingdom work on a points-based system?*

- a. **Entry belongs to those who come empty handed**  
...like a dependent child 13-16
- b. **Entry is impossible for those who don't come empty handed**  
...like this great guy 17-23

A fantastic candidate... ...who Jesus exposes as self-dependent

- A sincere person ...holding on to thinking he can do something to inherit eternal life
- A moral person ...holding on to the belief he's done enough to keep God's law
- A wealthy person ...holding on to wealth to keep him secure

...like rich people generally 23-25

...in fact, like everyone 26-27

- c. **But God can do the impossible, so depend empty handed on him**  
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- d. **Because huge blessings come to those depending on Jesus 28-31**  
Huge blessings now (with persecutions)

Huge blessing eternally [cf. 10:21, 8:35]