

## The Journey To Jerusalem (Mark 10)

In the chapter before us, Mark tells us of Christ's departure from Galilee and His eventful journey to Jerusalem. The journey began about four months before His crucifixion, and was anything but ordinary! Along the way He dealt with some Pharisees on the issue of divorce; He took little children up in His arms to bless; He answered a rich man seeking salvation; and healed a blind beggar named Bartimaeus. This is an exciting chapter to read in God's word!

### POINTS TO PONDER:

#### A. THE PHARISEES QUESTION JESUS CONCERNING DIVORCE (V1-12)

- The scripture they referred to is Deuteronomy 24:1-4
- *Is there hope for those who have been divorced and remarried?* (See 2 Samuel 12:24)

#### B. JESUS BLESSES THE LITTLE CHILDREN (V13-16)

- Christ is "greatly displeased" when we misrepresent Him (v14)
- How can you and I receive God's kingdom "as a little child"?

#### C. A RICH YOUNG RULER SEEKS SALVATION (V17-31)

- If we cannot be saved by keeping the law, why did Christ quote the commandments? (v19)
- A True Christian Is Willing To Obey Christ, No Matter What The Cost

#### D. JESUS AGAIN SPEAKS OF HIS COMING SUFFERINGS (V32-34)

- Jesus went before His disciples to Jerusalem - a model of willing obedience (Phil. 2:8)

#### E. JAMES AND JOHN SEEK SEATS OF HONOR IN CHRIST'S KINGDOM (V35-45)

- *Where is Christ now?* Ephesians 1:20; Philippians 2:9-10; Hebrews 12:2
- Suffering with Christ is a blessing (Revelation 3:12, 21).

#### F. BLIND BARTIMAEUS IS HEALED (V46-52)

- Blind Bartimaeus recognized Jesus as the Son of David! *Who revealed this to Him?*

### CHALLENGE TO CHANGE:

On the road to Jerusalem, Mark tells us that Christ went before His disciples. His example reminds us that a true Christian is willing to obey and follow Christ no matter what the cost. In your Christian commitment, whom do you most resemble: The rich young ruler? Peter and the disciples who gave up everything? Or Bartimaeus who recognized Jesus and became His follower?