

THE ROUTE TO GREATNESS

Amazing Encounters With Jesus -- Part 2

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THREE RESPONSES TO JESUS

1. You are _____ by Him.

- Confusion can lead to _____.
- Confusion can lead to _____.

2. You have _____ Him.

3. You have _____ Him.

Mark 10:17 (NLT) *“As He (Jesus) was starting out on a trip, a man came running up to Jesus, knelt down, and asked, ‘Good Teacher, what should I do to get eternal life?’ ”*

Mark 10:18-19 (NLT) *“ ‘Why do you call Me good?’ Jesus asked. ‘Only God is truly good.’¹⁹ But as for your question, **you know the commandments**: Do not murder. Do not commit adultery. Do not steal. Do not testify falsely. Do not cheat. Honor your father and mother.’ ”*

Mark 10:20 (NLT) *“‘Teacher,’ the man replied, ‘I’ve obeyed all these commandments since I was a child.’ ”*

Mark 10:21a (NLT) *“Jesus felt **genuine love** for this man as He looked at him.”*

Colossians 1:15a (Phillips) *“Now **Christ is the visible expression** of the invisible God.”*

Mark 10:21b(NLT) *“‘You lack only one thing,’ He told him. ‘**Go and sell all you have and give the money to the poor**, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow Me.’ ”*

Jesus didn’t just _____ him with an
easy plan. He _____ him with
the truth of sacrifice.

Mark 10:22 (NLT) “At this, the man's **face fell**, and he went sadly away because he had many possessions.”

Mark 10:23-24a (NLT) “Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, ‘**How hard it is for rich people to get into the Kingdom of God!**’ This amazed them!”

Mark 10:24b-25 (NLT) “...But Jesus said again, ‘Dear children, it is very **hard to get into the Kingdom of God.**’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!’ ”

Mark 10:26 (NLT) “The disciples were astounded. ‘Then **who in the world can be saved?**’ they asked.”

Mark 10:27 (NLT) “Jesus looked at them intently and said, ‘Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But not with God. **Everything is possible with God.**’ ”

Mark 10:28 (NLT) “Then Peter began to mention all that he and the other disciples had left behind. ‘**We’ve given up everything to follow You,**’ he said.”

Matthew 19:27 (NLT) “Then Peter said to him, ‘We’ve given up everything to follow you. **What will we get out of it?**’ ”

Mark 10:29-30 (NLT) “And Jesus replied, ‘I assure you that everyone who has **given up** house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or property, for **My sake...**’³⁰ will receive now in return, a hundred times over... And in the world to come they will have eternal life.’ ”

_____ is the investment to greatness!

Mark 10:31 (NLT) “But **many** who seem to be important now will be the least important then, and those who are **considered least here will be the greatest then.**”

Matthew 6:33 (NIV) “But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

ACTION QUESTION...

What do you need to sacrifice to put God first? _____

Also see Matthew 19:16-30 and Luke 18:18-30