Some Riches Now or More Riches Later Mark 10:17-31

How to lose out on eternal life and treasure in heaven, 17-22

Man = "RYR" (see in Matt. 19:20, Lk.18:18) had much property, 22.

- 17 Question = sincerely seeking assurance of life (21), contra Lk.10:25.
- **18** Counter-question = surprise: RYR is too glib w/good, Matt. 19:16.
- **19** Quotation = surprise: Ex. 20:12-16, as in Lk. 10:25-28 vs. Jn. 3:16.
- 20 Answer = confident reply is a bit like the attitude in Lk. 18:10,11
- **21** Invitation = surprise: to sell (for *treasure*) follow Me. (for *life*)
- **22** Response = sadly stunned and rare rejection in Mark not *to follow*.

How to gain eternal life and 100x more treasure in heaven, 23-31

- **23-25** Explanation / colorful proverb on how wealth can be an obstacle to faith, 4:19, Matt. 6:24, Lk. 6:20,24, 12:16-21, I Tim. 6:9-10.
- **26,27** The 12 are *astonished*—any hope for heaven sounds hopeless since wealth was a sign of divine favor for obedience in the OT!
- **28-31** Choosing to lose out for Jesus' / gospel's sake now will pay off handsomely—especially in the eternal age to come, 4:20, Matt. 6:19,20, II Cor. 4:16-18, I Tim. 6:17-19. Matthew adds ruling with Christ, 19:27-29; ruling for us is in Lk. 19:1ff., II Tim. 2:12. Yet again 1st / last idea: 9:35, Lk. 13:30, 22:26, Matt. 20:16, as the kids in13-16 have the advantage over this rich adult ruler!

