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The Tweet! – Mark 10:25

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**“It is easier for a camel
to go through the eye of a needle
than for someone who is rich to
enter the kingdom of God.”**



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Mark 10:17-23

As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” “Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.’” “Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.” Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said.





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“Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth. Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!”



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The scripture says he went away with his face downcast





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How do We Apply

(Focused on being “saved”)

The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, “Who then can be saved?”

v. 27





How do We Apply

(Focus on What's in it for me?)

Then Peter spoke up, “We have left everything to follow you!”

v. 28





How do We Apply

(Mission Impossible)

**Jesus looked at them and said,
“With man this is impossible, but not
with God; all things are possible with
God.”**

v. 29



How do We Apply

(Mission Impossible)

Even with our modern technology, breaking a camel down as far as we can, it won't fit through the eye of a needle unless you totally destroy it.



How do We Apply

(Mission Impossible)

**That is the problem with the
gate theory because that
makes it a difficult task,
not an impossible one**

(Give me enough time I will figure it out)



How do We Apply

(Mission Impossible)

**That's why this is not a
money scripture,
but a faith aspect**



How do We Apply

(Mission Impossible)

If it was a money aspect
then we would wrongly
apply the idea that rich
people can't "be saved"



How do We Apply

(Mission Impossible)

**We would go off a tangent
about out the only way to
follow Christ is to
strip your life down**



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He then immediately goes the extra mile saying in fact its down right impossible if you are trying to use your own resources



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It's not about using a map but instead about following the guide (John 14:6)



Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”



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