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Jesus goes on to say, "No one is good but God alone. Why do you think Jesus made this statement? Is Jesus not God? What purpose would he have for referring to himself separate from God at this point in his ministry?"

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I am accustomed to this verse being used to mean just what it says, "For God, all things are possible." However, in the context of these verses Jesus is saying something a little more pointed. He is saying that a mortal person can not save themselves; that only God can save them. He is talking about eternal life through salvation.

"But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

Peter, as always, tries here to point out that the disciples have already left their families and given up everything to follow him. Jesus, then quickly lets him know that there will be more to give up as time goes on. He gently reminds Peter that he must let go of being first. That it doesn't matter how much you give up but that you are willing to be last.

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Mark 10:17-31

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! 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." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

The Bible Project, Mark
<https://youtu.be/OVRixfameGY>



The Bible Project, Overview:
Mark
<https://youtu.be/GHQu9-DtXk>

Compelled: Speaking and Living the Gospel - Tim Mackie Archives
https://youtu.be/qwNfH_SOWKA

Activities and Games

Balloon Tennis

Supplies: Balloons and Fly Swatters

How To Play: Bat the balloon to your partner. Add a point for every successful hit. Take away a point for every balloon drop.

Kindness Bingo:

How To Play: Take a Bingo card and complete one column. Bring it back in two weeks for a treat!



Kindness Leaf Craft:

What to do: Go outside and collect leaves. Use a sharpie to write an inspirational message on the leave. Drop the leave in a well trafficked area for someone to find. It will brighten their day!

