

# The Path to immortality: JESUS

## 4 LESSONS FROM JESUS ON THE PATH TO IMMORTALITY

### 1. Not all roads lead to heaven there is only one: Jesus

<sup>17</sup> As He was setting out on a journey, a man ran up to Him and knelt before Him, and asked Him, “Good Teacher, what shall I do so that I may inherit eternal life?” <sup>18</sup> But Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone.

**MARK 10:17-18 NASB**

“Jesus did not leave open the option of considering Him merely a good teacher. Either He was who He said He was, or He was completely mistaken.”

C. S. Lewis

“If Jesus truly is God, then He cannot be just one option among many.”

Timothy Keller

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### 2. My good works cannot save me, because I am imperfect

<sup>19</sup> You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not give false testimony, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’” <sup>20</sup> And he said to Him, “Teacher, I have kept all these things from my youth.”

**MARK 10:19-20 NASB**

For if you are trying to make yourselves right with God by keeping the law, you have been cut off from Christ! You have fallen away from God’s grace.

**GALATIANS 5:4 NLT**

“The difference between religion and the true gospel is that in religion acceptance comes at the end, but in the gospel of Jesus Christ acceptance comes at the beginning.”

John C. Lennox

“Religion says: I obey, therefore I am accepted. The gospel says: I am accepted, therefore I obey.”

Tim Keller

“The more I tried to become righteous, the more sinful I felt.”

Martin Lutero

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### 3. Salvation is impossible for man, but possible for God

“God demands perfection. And for that very reason, He had to give grace.”

Augustine of Hippo

<sup>21</sup> Looking at him, Jesus showed love to him and said to him, “One thing you lack: go and sell all you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” <sup>22</sup> But he was deeply dismayed by these words, and he went away grieving; for he was one who owned much property. <sup>23</sup> And Jesus, looking around, \*said to His disciples, “How hard it will be for those who are wealthy to enter the kingdom of God!” <sup>24</sup> And the disciples were amazed at His words. But Jesus responded again and said to them, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> 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.” <sup>26</sup> And they were even more astonished, and said to Him, “Then who can be saved?” <sup>27</sup> Looking at them, Jesus \*said, “With people it is impossible, but not with God; for all things are possible with God.”

**MARK 10:21-27 NASB**

“Heaven is not filled with good people; heaven is filled with people who knew they were not good enough and trusted Jesus for their salvation.”

Wess Huff

<sup>4</sup> But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, <sup>5</sup> that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God’s grace that you have been saved!) <sup>6</sup> For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus.

**EPHESIANS 2:4-6 NLT**

<sup>8</sup> God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. <sup>9</sup> Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

**EPHESIANS 2:8-9 NLT**

“You contribute to your salvation exactly the same way you contributed to your birth: nothing.”

Jonathan Edwards

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### 4. God’s children are willing to leave everything behind

<sup>28</sup> Peter began to say to Him, “Behold, we have left everything and have followed You.” <sup>29</sup> Jesus said, “Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or farms, for My sake and for the gospel’s sake, <sup>30</sup> but that he will receive a hundred times as much now in the present age, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and farms, along with persecutions; and in the age to come, eternal life. <sup>31</sup> But many who are first will be last, and the last, first.

**MARK 10:28-31 NASB**