

# The Gospel of the King

## The Reward of Christ

**Mark 10:23-31 (ESV)**

### The backdrop - “The Great Refusal”

<sup>21</sup> *And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.”*

<sup>22</sup> *Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. (v. 21-22)*

Weighing the \_\_\_\_\_ v. the \_\_\_\_\_, he chose the former.

Jesus was not calling for \_\_\_\_\_ ...

Nor for \_\_\_\_\_ ...

He was calling him/us to abandon \_\_\_\_\_ that is not God!

He went away “\_\_\_\_\_”, desiring both worlds. Imagine what he’ll experience in \_\_\_\_\_.

### Jesus’ ‘amazing’ words:

*“How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! ... 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.” (v. 23, 24)*

Not merely \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_ ...

### Why?

It’s not because \_\_\_\_\_ carries its own damning \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ was the wealthiest man of his era and he is in God’s Kingdom.

It’s because – in the case of this rich young man, and so many like him – wealth (and the \_\_\_\_\_ of wealth) causes so many to be \_\_\_\_\_ by the stuff of this world to the point where Heaven \_\_\_\_\_.

We grow to \_\_\_\_\_ what we chase and \_\_\_\_\_ what we can hold and \_\_\_\_\_ what the world values until the perceived worth of \_\_\_\_\_ slips away.

### The inability of man and the overwhelming grace of God:

*“With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.” (v. 27)*

I am not \_\_\_\_\_, but he is \_\_\_\_\_.

I don’t \_\_\_\_\_ it, but he \_\_\_\_\_ it.

My \_\_\_\_\_ desires other things, but He can \_\_\_\_\_ it.

### Peter’s response and the value of Christ:

*Peter: “See, we have left everything and followed you.” (v. 28)*

*Jesus: I’m \_\_\_\_\_ it.*

*“Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. (v. 29-30)*

*I’m worth it \_\_\_\_\_.*

*I’m worth it \_\_\_\_\_.*

### A final warning:

*“But many who are first will be last, and the last first.” (v. 31)*

Dr. Paul Thompson  
Calvary Baptist Church  
September 27, 2020

### Missions Offering

Covid-19 has elevated the need for financial assistance for our global mission partners. The missions committee is challenging the church to give an extra offering to support and sustain our partners in Guatemala, India, and Kenya. Our Goal is to send \$40,000 total among these 3 mission areas. You can give by marking “Global Missions” on your check, use the MobileMission App on your smart phone, or click the giving tab on our website.

### Calvary Game Night - Mark Your Calendars!

Join us for a fun night of games and fellowship in the Gym and the Recreation Outreach Center parking lot. More details to come, but for now enter it in your calendars for Sunday, October 25, from 5-7pm.

### Community Ministry Opportunity

The Harbor is reopening its Saturday morning ministry on October 3 at 7:30 am. If you would like to volunteer your time or donate food items for breakfast that morning, contact Mike McCann at mpmccann63@gmail.com or 334.685.1859.

### Second Sunday Night Prayer Service

Join us at our next Second Sunday Night prayer service as we pray for our nation on October 11, at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Center.

### DNow 2020 | From Zero to Hero

**November 6-8 | Grades 6-12**

Cost is \$65. Register online at calvarydothan.com.

### Parent-Child Commitment Service | October 11

If you would like to participate, contact Joyce Alexander (joyce@calvarydothan.com) or Brooke Stickles (brooke@calvarydothan.com) or call the church office. There is a parent meeting on Wednesday, September 30, at 6pm in office building room 105.

### Membership Matters

Membership Matters is divided into two consecutive (mandatory) sessions. This means attendees of the second session will only be those that attended the first session. The next Membership Matters classes are scheduled for Sunday mornings, November 1 and 8, at 8:30 am during Life Group live in the Office Building Conference Room. Call Angie in the church office to register.

### Calvary Kids Volunteers

We want each of our ministry team assignments fully staffed with volunteers convinced of the high importance of developing the Christian faith of boys and girls. Below are the most up to date open assignments that we need filled.

-2nd Grade Life Group Leaders

-Subs for Sunday morning and Wednesday evening ministry

-Welcome Team for Sunday morning and Wednesday evening ministry

We invite you to prayerfully consider any one of these opportunities, then start the conversation with us by calling us at 334.792.5159, or texting us at 334.733.6326.

“How much is Jesus worth? Where does he come in your scale of desires? Jesus told a parable one time that describes how precious it really is to inherit the kingdom of heaven. And since he himself is the king of that kingdom and the one who makes it valuable, the parable applies to him too. He said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field which a man found and covered up; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.” Notice well: the man does not sell all that he has begrudgingly; he does it joyfully. The reason is because he sees how precious the treasure is. He knows that, whatever he pays for that field, it’s a steal. Jesus is worth so much more than anything else in all the world, that every loss endured to have more of him can be endured with joy.

Paul gave us a living example of this parable. He said in Philippians 3:7ff.,

*Whatever gain I had, I counted loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed I count everything as loss for the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as refuse, in order that I might gain Christ.*

The mark of a saint, a child of God, is not that we have attained or are perfect, but that we long for Christ, we thirst like hungry babies for his Word and fellowship and power. No Christian is satisfied with his present condition. We are hungry, and the more we taste, the hungrier we get for Jesus. His value does not diminish with time—it increases. And the better we know him, the more we love him. And when we finally enter into his presence with rejoicing, our endless song will be, “*Worthy* is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing.” Your mouth is always full of praises for what you value most. “To you who believe, he is precious.””

- John Piper

Is Christ precious to you? Is he worth leaving all for and following him?

I pray that in today’s message you will get a sense of the all-surpassing value of Jesus and – if you are already a believer – take heart and hope that following him is worth it!

If you are not yet a believer in and follower of Jesus Christ, I pray that today God changes your heart and that you abandon all things inferior to Christ and choose him instead!

- Pastor Paul

### I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT:

#### My Decision Today:

I trusted Jesus as Savior.

I’d like to join Calvary Baptist Church.

I believe God is calling me into ministry/mission.

Please have a pastor or elder contact me.

If you would like to speak with someone about one of the items noted above, please visit the Next Steps Kiosk before you leave today.

#### PRAYER REQUESTS:

Pastors & Prayer Team Only

Churchwide

## Connect Card

September 27, 2020

Please complete this tab, tear it off and drop it in an offering plate.

- Please update my information  
 Please contact me about membership

### I am a:

- First Time Guest  Guest  
 Member

Name

Address

City

State/Zip

- Male  Female

- Married  Single

Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Spouse

Spouse's Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

### Children:

Name / Date of Birth

Name / Date of Birth

Name / Date of Birth

Name / Date of Birth

Please complete the additional information on the back of this tab, if applicable.

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### What's Your Salvation Story?

Over the next several months, we will be sharing short testimonies from our members on all our social media platforms. We'd love to hear how God saved you! Here's what we'd like you to do: video a short (about 5 minutes) story about how God changed your life and made you new. Email it to brooke@calvarydothan.com. Then, we'll share it on our website and on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc. so that others may hear of the goodness of God!

### Sunday Epilogue

Sometimes sermons create questions. Sometimes, there is just more to be said. Sometimes more clarity needs to be given. And at all times when we hear God's Word, we should have opportunity to respond to it. Today we will be offering a live, online, interactive post-service Q&A and discussion with Paul and Matthew. If you have questions from the message, need prayer, or want to discuss a decision you've made about your faith, please join us. We will begin just after the conclusion of the service. If you are watching in person, feel free to hang around and join us, too! Text your questions, comments, and requests to (334) 708-0513.

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### FIRST TIME GUEST?

We're so glad you've joined us for worship today and would love to be able to share more with you about our church. Please fill out the Connect Card to the left and place it in one of the offering plates when they are passed. Be sure to stop by our Next Steps kiosk after the service for a gift from us!

### THE PEOPLE CAME...

September 20

Life Group: 349  
10:00 Worship: 395  
Hispanic Church: 107

### THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given September 20: \$42,808  
Given Y-T-D: \$1,815,903  
Y-T-D Required: \$1,955,538.52  
Global Mission Offering: \$25,735  
Adoption Assistance Fund: \$5,625

### DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday, September 27:

1 Sam 9, Rom 7, Jer 45-46, Ps 22

Monday, September 28:

1 Sam 10, Rom 8, Jer 47, Ps 23-24

Tuesday, September 29:

1 Sam 11, Rom 9, Jer 48, Ps 25

Wednesday, September 30:

1 Sam 12, Rom 10, Jer 49, Ps 26-27

Thursday, October 1:

1 Sam 13, Rom 11, Jer 50, Ps 28-29

Friday, October 2:

1 Sam 14, Rom 12, Jer 51, Ps 30

Saturday, October 3:

1 Sam 15, Rom 13, Jer 52, Ps 31

### Midweek Schedule

6:00 pm Midweek Worship, Fellowship Center

Preschool, Birth-K5, Preschool Building (Preregister at [calvarydothan.com](http://calvarydothan.com))

Children, Grades 1-5, ROC

Students, Grades 6-12, Sanctuary

No Adult Choir

### 4 Ways to Give

- Give online by using the MobileMission app for Apple or Android or go to [calvarydothan.com/GiveOnline](http://calvarydothan.com/GiveOnline).
- On Sundays, drop in the collection boxes near the Fellowship Center exit doors
- Mail to 901 Montezuma Avenue, Dothan, AL 36303
- Bring to the church office, M-F, 8am-12noon & 1-4:30pm

### UPDATED GUEST INFORMATION

In this interim period as we are trying to respond as responsibly as we can to the threat of Covid-19 around us, we are intentionally limiting up-close, face-to-face encounters where possible. Therefore, we are not passing offering plates for the time being. But if you are a guest, we still want to hear from you and meet you! So please complete the attached Connect Card and place in the offering collection boxes at the exits. Also, if you have prayer needs or personal needs, please share those with us as well. You may also email us at [info@CalvaryDothan.com](mailto:info@CalvaryDothan.com) or call or text anytime to (334) 708-0513. We'd love to hear from you, pray with you or for you, or talk with you about any spiritual questions you have or decisions you have made.

### STAFF ON CALL

Sunday, September 20:

Dan Tankersley | 334-655-8765

Saturday, October 3:

Matthew Dorsey | 919-495-9483

Sunday, October 4:

Randy Hunt | 334-791-7986

### SERMON SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 4

10:00 am

*The Gospel of the King*

*The Reward of Christ*

Mark 10:28-31

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, October 11

10:00 am

*The Gospel of the King*

*Take Heart*

Mark 10:46-52

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, October 18

10:00 am

*The Gospel of the King*

*The Arrival of the Humble King*

Mark 11:1-11

Message by Paul Thompson

### Sunday Morning Schedule

8:00am Call to Prayer, Sanctuary

8:30am Life Group

10:00am Worship, Fellowship Center  
Live Stream on Facebook & YouTube

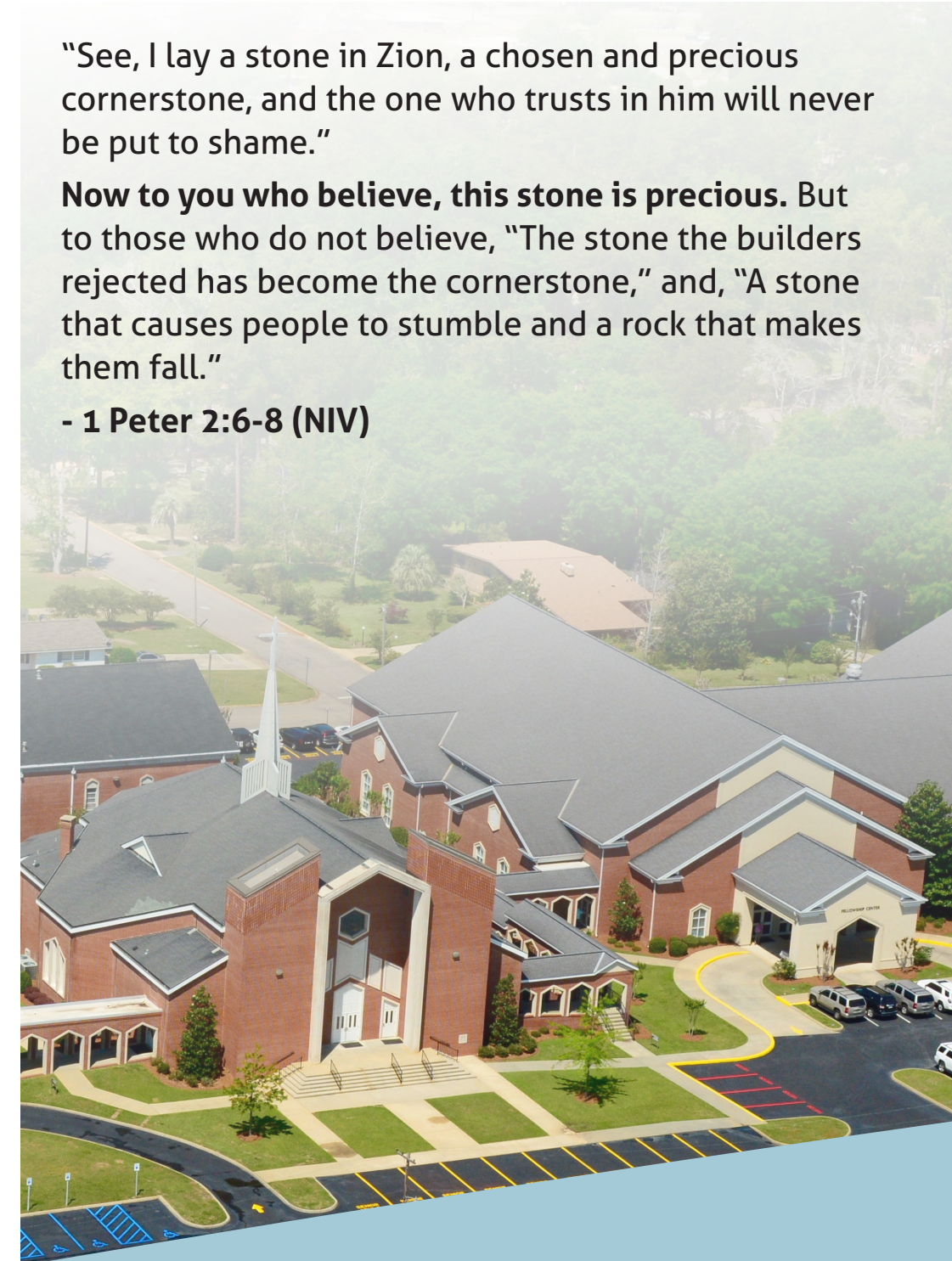
Kid's Worship, Grades 1-5,  
Chapel

11:00am Worship Broadcast on JoyFM  
94.3/96.1 with a 1 wk delay.

"See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame."

Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, "The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," and, "A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall."

- 1 Peter 2:6-8 (NIV)



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