

# Mark 10:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

## Analysis

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Easier for camel go through eye of needle than rich man enter kingdom. Easier eukopōteron less difficult. Camel kamēlon largest animal Palestine. Go through dielthein pass. Eye trēmatos opening. Needle raphidos sewing needle. Impossible image. Some suggest camel wrong translation should be rope kamēlos versus kamilos. Others suggest needle small gate requiring camel unload kneel. But likely hyperbole impossible. Rich entering kingdom humanly impossible. Only God can save rich. Salvation wholly grace. Reformed theology emphasizes divine necessity regeneration.

## Historical Context

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Disciples response (v. 26) who then can be saved shows they understood Jesus meant impossible. Peter declares we left all (v. 28). Disciples gave up modest means recognized impossibility. God makes impossible possible (v. 27). Abraham justified by faith wealthy. Zacchaeus tax collector rich converted. Joseph Arimathea rich disciple. Not impossible but requires divine grace overcome temptation trust wealth. Early church had wealthy members warned about dangers. Modern church needs balance not demonize wealth but recognize spiritual danger. Faithful stewardship whether much little.

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. What does impossible image of camel through needle eye teach about human inability divine necessity in salvation?
2. How can wealthy believers avoid trap of trusting riches while using resources for kingdom?

## Interlinear Text

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the eye

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the kingdom

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θεοῦ εἰσελθεῖν

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## Additional Cross-References

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**Luke 18:25** (Kingdom): For it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

**Matthew 23:24** (Parallel theme): Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel.

**Jeremiah 13:23** (Parallel theme): Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil.