



BANORA POINTER

Sunday 10 October 2021 | Pentecost 20



Message from Rev. Aaron Moad

In our reading Mark 10:17-31, Mark presents a moment of decision that cuts to the hearts of an unnamed man,

Peter and the disciples and, indeed, Jesus himself and all of us. It begins with a seemingly simple question, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus' initial response is harsh though not uncaring, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You 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; Honour your father and mother.'"

Jesus knows that the man's question is a serious question. First, the man asks what he must do and the next part of Jesus' answer seems reassuring – note Jesus' attitude to the man "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.". But it's this second part of Jesus' response that is crushing and costs far too much. The man's response and his subsequent actions expose his concerns and his unwillingness to go the whole way with God, "when he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. His anxiety is for himself, for what he thinks he will lose."



The middle part of the story "²³ 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!" ²⁴ 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! ²⁵ 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." ²⁶ They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." might suggest that Jesus rejects all wealth."

However, the saying about the camel and the eye of a needle is Jesus using exaggeration as he often does, it is intended to be absurd in order to heighten the response: 'Then who can be saved?' The answer is in the final statement "for God all things are possible." What Jesus is saying is that it is not the wealth that is stopping the man from entering the Kingdom of God, it is his attitude to and the priority he gives to wealth. Wealth and the accumulation of wealth had become an idol to the man, and he placed that above his love for God.

We can see the man's wealth as a metaphor, what is it we place above our love for God?

What is most important to us?



If you or someone you know is in need of help or support during these difficult times, please let us know and how we can help by calling either;

* The office: (07) 5524 9035

* Rev. Aaron: 0411 325 527

* Your Pastoral Carer

"We are all in this together"

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Our Mission: To love God and love our neighbours

A Message From Elizabeth

"God gives us a future, daring us to go into dreams and dangers, on a path unknown. We will face tomorrow in the Spirit's power, We will let God change us, for new life starts now"

TIS 697: Together in Song

I pray that as I am encouraged continually by these wonderful words of hope and assurance, you also will be uplifted by the fact that God is and will be with us as we face the future. Our future, not only in relation to the roadmap for COVID-19 but also for the regeneration of BPUC is at this point in time in God's hands.

Church Council/Elders meet tomorrow evening, 11 October 2021 at 7.00pm (DST). This will be a face-to-face meeting, which hopefully will allow us to plan for the worship, Activities etc to the end of the year. I encourage everyone to pray for this meeting, for each councillor/elder and Rev Aaron as he is settling in to his ministry at BPUC. Please pray too for Aaron's family. Jane, Elspeth and Hunter as they establish themselves in the Banora Point community. A report of the meeting will be provided in the Pointer next week.

God Bless you today and always

Elizabeth Wells,

BPUC Church Council Chairperson

What's Happening This Week

Monday	Church Council/Elders Meeting 7pm
Wednesday	Prayer Meeting 8am
Thursday	Men's Bible Study group 9am CWCI Bible Study 10am Evening Bible Study group 6:30pm
Next Sunday	Worship Service 9am

Church Roster

	<u>TODAY</u>	<u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>
Organist	Audrey	Jill
Pianist	— — — —	— — — —
Greeter	Sylvia & Nigel	Terryl & Audrey
Bible Reader	Elizabeth & Jill	Lynn & Robyn
Prayer	Dudley	Neil
Morning Tea	Pat & Kristine	Sylvia & Dorothy
Hall Set Up	Neil & Nigel	Terryl & Neil
Cleaning	Shirley & Alan	Neil & Nellie

If you are unable to do your roster, please organise a swap AND let Janice know ASAP.

Rosters - Help Needed

Please let Janice know if you can help with Greeting and Signing In, you don't have to use laptop; Cleaning or any other rostered duties. We really need more people to 'share the load'. Thank you for helping.

Please contact Janice either via phone or email:

Many hands make light work – So thank in advance for your help.

Operation Christmas Child

If you would like to play an important role in this cause, please help yourself to a box in the foyer, fill it with items and return it back to the church.

All boxes are due to be dropped off by the 20th October 2021 to ensure that we can get it to the closest collection office on the Gold Coast.

If you have any questions please speak to Leslie or email the church office on:
bpuchurch@optusnet.com.au

Invitation To Lunch

Everyone is most welcome to join the Happy Lunchers... ..

When: Wednesday 13th October at 11:45am

Where: In the "Secret Garden" South Tweed Sports Club

Why: To enjoy friendship, lunch and fellowship.

For more information and to RSVP (By 9 August 2021) Contact Janice

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