

139. The Rich Young Ruler (Mark 10:17-31)

Prayer: Lord Jesus, we know and admit that sometimes we think things in this life are very important, more important than You. Thank You for showing mercy to us and continuing to give us Your salvation. Please help us remember You are most important in our lives, and help us to always follow only You. We pray in Your name, amen.

Mark 10:17. Jesus was walking on the road when a man ran up and bowed before Him. The man asked, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

- Where did the man think he could get eternal life? Where was his hope?

Mark 10:18-20. Jesus answered, “Why call Me good? Only God is good. You know the commandments. Don’t murder, don’t do adultery, don’t steal, don’t lie, don’t cheat, honor your father and mother.” The man answered, “Teacher, ever since I was a child I have obeyed all these commandments.”

- What did Jesus tell the man to do?
- Did the man think he obeyed the commandments? What do you think the truth was? Did he really obey, or only think he obeyed?

Mark 10:21-22. Jesus looked at him and loved him. Jesus said, “You are missing one thing. Go, sell everything you have, give it to the poor, and you will have riches in heaven. Then come, follow Me.” The man left, very sad, because he was very rich.

- Jesus told the man to do one more thing, then follow Him. What was the one more thing?
- Why did the man go away sad? Are we willing to give up everything to follow Jesus?

Mark 10:23-25. Jesus looked at His disciples and said, “It is truly hard for rich people to enter the kingdom of God!” The disciples were amazed. Jesus said again, “Children, it is truly hard to enter the kingdom of God. It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”

- How hard did Jesus say it is for a rich person to enter heaven? Does it sound like a rich person can enter heaven at all?
- Why is it hard for a rich person to enter heaven?

Mark 10:26-27. The disciples were more amazed and said, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus answered, “With people, this is impossible. But with God, all things are possible.”

- Most of the disciples were not rich. They were ordinary men, some may have been poor. Jesus only said it was hard for rich people to enter heaven. So why did the disciples lose hope?
- Did Jesus say it is impossible for rich people to enter heaven? How can rich people get into heaven? How can poor people enter heaven?

Mark 10:28-31. Peter said to Jesus, “Look! We left everything and followed You.” Jesus said, “I tell you the truth. If anyone left his house, brothers, sisters, mother, father, children or farms, because of the gospel and because he will follow Me, that person will receive 100 times as much in this world. He will receive houses, brothers, sisters, mother, children, farms, and persecutions. In the future age, he will receive eternal life. But many people who are first will become last. The people who are last will become first.”

- If we will follow Jesus, what should we leave? What does it mean, that we should leave those things?
- When we leave those things and follow Jesus, what do we get back? (Notice the two extra things we get!) Why does Jesus say we leave it all, then He gives us those things again? What does that mean?
- How do the people who are first become last? How are people who are last become first?