

# *Lessons From The Rich Young Ruler*



The Rich Young Man Went Away Grieved. James Tissot

## *The Context*

- The larger context → the whole Bible...
  - The theme of the Bible: God’s eternal plan of redemption. (Eph. 3:10-11; Gen. 3:22-24; Rev. 21:3; 22:14; Gen. 3:15; I Pet. 1:9-12)
  - Jesus as the way to the Father. (I Pet. 1:18-20; Jn. 14:6; 8:24; Mk. 10:21, 45)
- The immediate context → the book, the chapter...
  - The Kingdom of God. (Mk. 10:23; 1:14-15; 9:1,47; 14:25; 15:43)
  - Eternal life. The question of the rich young ruler: “... what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?” (Mk. 10:17)
    - Mk. 10:**17**; 21; 23; 26; **30**

# ***A Lesson In The Complementary Nature of the Gospel Records***

- **Taking all three accounts concerning this man, we learn:**
- He was young. (Matt. 19:22)
- He was a ruler. (Lk. 18:18)
- He was rich. (Lk. 18:23; Mk. 10:22; Matt. 19:22)
- He was eager to talk to Jesus. (Mk. 10:17)
- He was reverent. (Mk. 10:17)
- He was moral. (Mk. 10:20; Matt. 19:20; Lk. 18:21)
- He was loved by Jesus. (Mk. 10:21)
- He leaves sad, lacking and lost. (Lk. 18:22; Mk. 10:21; Matt. 19:21)

## *He Went Away Sorrowful...*

- The questions: What good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life? What lack I yet? (Matt. 19:20)
  - Reflect that something is still amiss in his desire to know that he is headed in the right direction, and that eternal life will one day be his.
  - A desire to be saved, but not enough to make the needed changes in his life. He is faced with the choice of putting God or material things first in his life...and chooses riches.
  - He was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions. (Mk. 10:22)
  - He was not willing to separate himself from that which separated him from God.

## ***Application: Barriers To Following Jesus – Mk. 10:28***

- Possessions/Riches → (Mk. 10:24; I Tim. 6:6-10; 17-19)
- False religion → (I Thess. 1:9-10)
- Immorality → (I Cor. 6:9-11)
- Peer or family pressure → (Matt. 10:34-39)
- Pride → (Rom. 1:18-22)
- Ignorance → (Acts 3:17; 17:30; II Tim. 2:15)
- Fear → (Matt. 10:28-33)

## ***Application: Who Then Can Be Saved? – Mk. 10:26***

- Those who hear the gospel → Rom. 10:17
- Those who believe the gospel → Mk. 16:15-16
- Those who repent of their sins → Lk. 13:3
- Those who are willing to confess faith in Jesus as the Son of God → Rom. 10:9-10
- Those who are baptized for the remission of their sins → Acts 2:38; Rev. 1:5; Acts 22:16
- Those who faithfully follow Jesus → I Cor. 15:58; I Jn. 1:7-2:2