

He Went Away Sorrowful:  
For He Had Great  
Possessions.

Matt. 19:16-22

# “Some Mocked” – Acts 17:32

- When they heard of the resurrection of the dead, *some mocked*. (jest, deride, jeer, scoff – to make fun of; Acts 2:13)
  - Those who mock today: Atheists, materialists
  - Why these are tragic words:
    - Is a rejection of the gospel of Jesus Christ, God’s power to save. (Rom. 1:16-17; I Cor. 15:1-6)
    - It is a reflection of a hardened heart in the face of abundant evidence. (Rom. 1:20; Acts 1:3; Jn. 20:30-31)
    - It is a rejection of that which gives us hope beyond this life. (I Cor. 15:19-23)
    - It is to deny that which informs and convicts us that we must repent and will be judged. (Acts 17:30-31)
    - It is a rejection of that which gives us the hope of heaven. (I Pet. 1:3-5)
    - It is to judge ones self unworthy of everlasting life. (Acts 13:45-46)

# “We Will Not Follow It” – Jer. 6:16

- The prophet warns Judah of destruction and captivity -- giving reasons for God’s punishment – wickedness, violence, rejection of God’s law, covetous and dishonest, lack of shame. (Jer. 6:6-15)
  - God had clearly defined the way in his law that they were to live and serve him. It was the good way. They would not hearken.
  - God has provided the way for us today. Revealed in the Bible. (II Tim. 3:16-17; II Pet. 1:3; I Tim. 4:8)
  - Love God with all of being, others as self; don’t lie, kill, steal, commit adultery, take God’s name in vain, gossip, have evil thoughts, etc.
    - Most say, “we will not follow”. Jesus says, Come unto me and I will give you rest.” (Matt. 11:29) Most respond “We will not pay attention.”
  - Sad Words...
    - Because we cannot direct our own way. (Jer. 10:23; Jn. 14:6; Matt. 7:13-14)
    - It is to reject the very words by which we will be judged. (Jn. 12:48)

# *Jeremiah 6:16-17 (NET)*

- The LORD said to his people: “You are standing at the crossroads. So consider your path. Ask where the old, reliable paths are. Ask where the path is that leads to blessing and follow it. If you do, you will find rest for your souls.” But they said, “We will not follow it!”
- <sup>17</sup> The LORD said, “I appointed prophets as watchmen to warn you, saying: ‘Pay attention to the warning sound of the trumpet!’” But they said, “We will not pay attention!”

# Who Concerning The Truth Have Erred – II Tim. 2:15-18

- These are sorrowful words...
  - because they failed to rightly divide the word. (II Tim. 2:15)
  - because they denied the hope of the future resurrection. (Jn. 5:28-29)
  - because false teaching spreads like gangrene – destructive in the spiritual body. (I Cor. 15:33)
  - because they endangered their own souls and those of others. (Matt. 15:14, II Pet. 2:2; Heb. 3:12)
  - because only the truth will set us free from sin. (Jn. 8:31-32; Jn. 17:17; II Thess. 2:10-13)

# Who Concerning The Truth Have Erred – II Tim. 2:15-18

- Many err concerning the truth today:
  - The nature of man. (Ezek. 18:20)
  - The nature of God. (Acts 10:34-35; II Pet. 3:9)
  - The nature of his calling. (Jn. 6:44-45; Rom. 10:17)
  - The nature of the sacrifice of Jesus. (Heb. 2:9; I Jn. 2:1-3)
  - The conditional nature salvation. (Mk. 16:15-16; Acts 2:38)
  - The necessity of faithfulness. (Rev. 2:10; I Cor. 15:58)