

Rich Young Ruler

Mk.10:17-22

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- Rich, but still poor in another way
- Most have interest in . . .
 - Riches (Mk.10:22)
 - Rulers (Lk.18:18)
 - Youth (Mt.19:20)

I. He Wanted Eternal Life, 17

Even the rich have death problem

- His actions imply something is missing in his life.
 - Riches and youth are not enough.
 - RYR did not stay home counting his money.

Even the rich have death problem

Came running [eagerness, earnestness]

In the way [humility; no private meeting]

Kneeled [honored Jesus – owned nothing]

‘Good Master’ [Teacher; knew He knew]

Lived moral life [youthful temptations]

Wealthy [but not spoiled, not content]

Religious [knew money could not save]

Ruler [synagogue? Power / Respect]

Knew Law [thought he had kept it]

Right One / Question / Time ... Sincerity

Appealing young man

- His parents
- Churches
- All would assume he is saved
- Preachers

These things mean nothing

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II. Deity of Christ, 18-19

‘Why call Me good...’ – 18

Lk.6:46

- If Jesus is good, He is deity.
- If Jesus is a liar, He is not good.
- Will RYR do what He says?

‘The commandments’ – 19

- Knows he must get answer from God.
- Issue: does he WANT God’s answer?

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‘What must I do?’ –17

- Does he want a tailor-made plan?

Jesus quotes OT –19

- RYR could have read it for himself

Not what he expected / wanted –20

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Exception For Rich, 21

Thought he was already right

- Jesus did not argue with him about commandments he had kept.
- Instead: put him to the test.

GO SELL

GIVE

COME

TAKE UP CROSS

FOLLOW ME

- Mk.1:16-20 . . . Ac.4:34-35
 - Had not harmed neighbor, but . . .
 - ‘I want to be saved like thief...’

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V. A Rich Man
In Poverty, 22

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- ‘Great possessions’ yet, ‘you lack’ (v.21)
- Why treat RYR different from others?
[*Others were allowed to keep property*]
 - Joseph, Mt.27:57
 - Zacchaeus, Lk.19
 - Ananias, Ac.5
 - Peter, John...
 - Lk.8:2-3

These had
property, but
property had the
rich young ruler

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He was SAD:
Intense dismay,
shocked,
appalled.

Mt.16:3.

‘Lowring’ (KJV).

‘Countenance fell’
(ASV, Mk.10:22).

‘**Cheer up**’
‘**He looks down**’

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The Great Refusal:
He went away...
grieving
(Lk.18:23)

**NOTHING SADDER THAN RICH MAN
WHO HAS NOTHING BUT RICHES**

1. Why do we need to serve Lord?

Not for His good, but ours.

- 21: we visit sick because we need it

Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit
that abounds to your account – Phil.4:17

- God could spread gospel by speaking...
- He wants us to do it because we need it

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2. Jesus does not compromise principles.

- Ruler was sorry to leave...
- Jesus loved him...
- He did not compromise to keep him, though he was lovable

Idolaters need not apply

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- Abraham – Gn.13:2
- His passion – Hb.11:13-16
 - Two ways to be rich: have all you want;
be satisfied with what you have
- 1 Tim.6:7-8

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- RYR came eagerly, left gloomily
- Came to hear Lord, left without obeying
- Came because of lack, left with sense of slavery and guilt
- Could never again look at riches without realizing – ‘These cost me eternal life!’

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5. One pearl

- Mt.13:45-46
- RYR found pearl of great price...then
walked away