

# The Rich Young Ruler

Matt. 19:16-22

## Introduction:

- A. The one who came.
  - 1. Young Ruler (Mt. 19:20,22; Luke 18:18)
  - 2. Eager — came running (Mk. 10:17).
  - 3. Reverent — knelt (Mk 10:17).
- B. The time that he came.
  - 1. Before New Testament effective. (Cf. Heb. 9:17).
  - 2. During personal ministry various conditions of salvation. (Matt. 9:2; Lk 23:43).
- C. We divide this story into four parts — learn from each part.

## Discussion:

### **I. The Young Man's First Question and the Lord's Answer (vv. 16-17)**

- A. Recognized the *source* of eternal life.
  - 1. Jesus had words of eternal life (John 6:68)
  - 2. Jesus was good — was God (v. 17).
- B. Recognized the *conditionality* of eternal life.
  - 1. Knew had to do something.
  - 2. If nothing — universal salvation or God is partial.
- C. Recognized the *nature* of eternal life.
  - 1. An inheritance (Mk. 10:17; cf. 1 Pet. 1:4).
  - 2. In the world to come. (Mk 10:30).
- D. Lord's answer: "Keep the commandments." (Cf. 1 John 5:3)

### **II. The Young Man's Second Question and the Lord's Answer (vv. 18-19)**

- A. Cannot have eternal life without these.
- B. Must repent and be forgiven if have not kept these.

### **III. The Young Man's Third Question and the Lord's Answer (vv. 20-21)**

- A. Had kept these important commands from youth.
- B. Yet, he knew he still needed something.
- C. Lord's final answer (v. 21).
  - 1. Given out of love (Mk. 10:21)
  - 2. Knew his heart and potential.
  - 3. Knew could not keep wealth and follow Jesus (cf. Verses 23-24)

### **IV. The Young Man's Final Sad Response (v. 22)**

- A. Unwilling to pay cost of discipleship. (Cf. Luke 14:33).
- B. Cost may differ with different people.
  - 1. Sinful or hindering possessions
  - 2. Sinful or hindering occupations.
  - 3. Sinful or hindering recreations.
  - 4. Sinful or hindering relationships.
    - a. Polygamy ; homosexual; living together.
    - b. Unlawful marriages. (Cf. Matt. 14:4; Ezra 10:3)
    - c. Legitimate relationships.
- C. Must want eternal reward more temporal cost. (Mark 10:29,30).

## Conclusion:

- A. What would you be willing to do to have eternal life?
- B. What would you be willing to give up to have eternal life?