

Message Notes

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Tough Texts #1 "The Rich Young Ruler"

Matthew 19: 16-22

Introduction: Basic Bible study rule: 'Always interpret the difficult in light of _____. Always require the difficult verses to conform to the clear, never the other way around.'

① Ready to believe?

Nicodemus - *evangelism*

The Samaritan Woman - *evangelism*

The Rich Young Ruler – _____

② The Young Ruler wrongly assumes:

He can gain eternal life by _____

Now behold, one came and said to Him, "Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?" (v.16)

So He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God (v.17)

" There is none righteous, no, not one;

There is none who understands;

There is none who seeks after God.

They have all turned aside;

They have together become unprofitable;

There is none who does good, no, not one."

Romans 3:10-12

That the Ten Commandments (The OT Law) could provide _____

Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments" (v.17)

ILLUSTRATION: "HILLBILLIES AND MIRRORS"

"No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments." ¹⁸ He said to Him, "Which ones?" Jesus said, " 'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,' ¹⁹ 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ²⁰ The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?" (Vs.17-20)

What is Jesus thinking? "And Jesus, looking at him, loved him" (Mark 10:21)

③ A Pre-Determined Misunderstanding

Examples:

²¹ Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." ²² But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. (Vs. 21-22)

④ A Possible Epilogue

NOTE WELL: If the Young Ruler is in heaven when we get there, it will not be because he finally decided to give away all his possessions and follow Jesus. There is no such thing as salvation by _____

CLOSING:

