

EAST ASIA 2018 – THE RICH YOUNG RULER! WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

The Rich, Young, Ruler: Matthew 19:16:30; Mark 10:17-31; Luke 18:18-30

Key Points – Rich Young Ruler

Only God is good!

Jesus is good! Jesus is God!

Believed his salvation was based on “doing”

He kept the second table of the law, but not the first

Jesus put his finger on the one thing that was holding him back from God

He was unwilling to put God before his riches.

He went away sad because he rejected Jesus’ command “*You still lack one thing.*”

Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven.

***Then come, follow me.*”**

“Who then can be saved?”

With man this is impossible, with God all things are possible!

Questions:

1. Why did Jesus ask and answer the question? **Why *do you call me good?*”** Jesus answered. **“No one is good—except God alone.”**

Ans. Christ’s reply was intended to emphasize His own deity. **“Either I am good, or I am not God,”** is what He implied. He wanted the young man to realize he was dealing with God and not a mere human teacher of the Law.

2. Why did the rich, young, ruler, ask the question (**Mt. 19:20?**) ***All these I have kept,” the young man said. “What do I still lack?”***

Ans. Money, youth, high position in life, those things all worldly people strive for, will not satisfy!

3. What do we learn from ***Mk. 10 21*** regarding the young man? Regarding ourselves? **Mar 10:21** ***Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”***

Ans. His wealth was his god, but he would not admit it. Why did Jesus tell him to sell all and give to the poor? This is not how a man is saved! No, but this commandment pointed up his real problem: his wealth was keeping him from the Lord. Sell all that you have; give to the poor; come, follow Me! Sad to say, the young ruler would not confess his sin or change his mind. He went away sad!

4. **What thing do you lack?** What thing is keeping you from the Lord? What thing or things in your life, right now, need to go?

ANS? What things are holding me back? Holding you back?

