

Jesus Counsels on Wealth and Salvation

¹⁶ Now as He was going out on the road, behold, a certain ruler came running, knelt before Him, and asked Him: “Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?”

¹⁷ So Jesus said to him: “Why do you call Me good? No one *is* good but God alone. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.”

¹⁸ He said to Him: “Which ones?”

¹⁹ Jesus said: “You know the commandments:
 ‘Do not murder,’
 ‘Do not commit adultery,’
 ‘Do not steal,’
 ‘Do not bear false witness,’
 ‘Do not defraud,’
 ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and
 ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

²⁰ The young man answered: “Teacher, all these things I have kept from my youth.”

²¹ When Jesus heard these things, He said:

“You still lack one thing.”

The young man said: “What do I still lack?”

²² Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him: “If you want to be perfect:

Go your way,
 sell whatever you have,
 and give to the poor,
 and you will have treasure in heaven;
 and come,
 take up the cross,
 and follow Me.”

²³ But when the young man heard this, he was sad and went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

²⁴ When Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He looked around and said to His disciples:

“Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of heaven!”

²⁵ And the disciples were astonished at His words. But Jesus answered again and said to them:

“Children, how hard it is for those who trust in riches to enter the kingdom of God!
 And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”

²⁶ When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying among themselves: “Who then can be saved?”

²⁷ But Jesus looked at them and said: “With men this is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible.”

²⁸ Then Peter answered and began to say to Him: “See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?”

²⁹ So Jesus answered and said to them: “Assuredly, I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

³⁰ And everyone who has left
 houses
 or brothers or sisters
 or father or mother
 or wife or children
 or lands,
 for My name’s sake and the gospel’s,
 and for the sake of the kingdom of God;

³¹ who shall receive a hundredfold now in this present time—

houses
 and brothers and sisters
 and mothers and children
 and lands,
 with persecutions—
 and in the age to come, inherit eternal life.

³² But many *who are* first will be last, and the last first.”