

The Rich Young Man

Read Mark 10:17–31



1. Who is Jesus to you personally?

The rich young man called Jesus “Good Teacher,” but didn’t seem to recognise who He truly was. Many people today see Jesus as a moral guide or inspirational figure — but not as Lord and Saviour.

a) How do you see Jesus?

b) How does recognising His true identity change the way you approach your faith and decisions?

2. What are the modern-day idols that can quietly take God’s place in our hearts?

Jesus told the man to sell everything because money had become his security and identity. Our idols might not be wealth - they could be comfort, family, success, reputation, control, or even religion.

a) What are some things that can subtly compete with God for your trust or affection?

b) How can we recognise when something good has become an idol?

3. Why do you think the rich young man walked away from Jesus, even though he clearly wanted eternal life?

He came running to Jesus - eager, respectful, and sincere - but left sorrowful because the cost was too high.

a) What do you think was happening in his heart at that moment?

b) Are there areas in your life where following Jesus feels costly or uncomfortable?

4. “Jesus looked at him and loved him.”

Even in the man’s weakness, Jesus’ response was love - not condemnation. He sees the truth in us, but still calls us closer.

a) What does this tell you about Jesus’ heart toward those who struggle or fall short?

b) How might His love help us face the things we find hardest to surrender?

5. “With man this is impossible, but not with God.”

Jesus reminded His disciples that salvation and transformation aren’t things we achieve - they are gifts of grace.

a) Where have you seen God do what seemed impossible - in your own life or in others?

b) How does this truth give you hope when you face challenges or weaknesses?