

“Eternal Life” - Matthew 19:16-30

Ask - What is something that you are unwilling to do? Why?

Background - When questioned by the Pharisees, Jesus taught the crowds about divorce. He laid His hands on little children and prayed with them. In today’s lesson, He will have an encounter that leads Him to discuss eternal life.

“Unwilling” - Matthew 19:16-22

(v16-17) Who came up to Jesus? What did he ask Jesus? How did Jesus answer?

(v18-20) Which commandments did Jesus tell the man to obey? Which did He leave out? Why didn’t He list them all? What did the man say in response?

(v21-22) What did Jesus tell the man to do? How did he react and why?

THE RICH YOUNG RULER ASKED WHAT GOOD DEEDS HE MUST DO TO ATTAIN ETERNAL LIFE. JESUS CHALLENGED HIM TO SELL HIS POSSESSIONS AND GIVE IT TO THE POOR, BUT HE WAS UNWILLING.

“Possible” - Matthew 19:23-26

(v23-24) Regarding His interaction with the rich young ruler, what did Jesus say to His disciples? What comparison did He make? Why is this so?

(v25) How did the disciples react? What did they ask Jesus? How does their response indicate their misunderstanding of salvation?

(v26) What did Jesus say? So, even though it is more difficult, can wealthy people be saved? Can you name any examples?

RICH PEOPLE FACE ADDITIONAL CHALLENGES AND TEMPTATIONS NOT FELT BY MOST. THAT SAID, EVEN THOUGH IT IS MORE DIFFICULT, RICH PEOPLE CAN STILL BE SAVED.

“Reward” - Matthew 19:27-30

(v27-28) What did Peter say and ask of Jesus? What promise did Jesus make to His disciples?

(v29) What promise did Jesus make to everyone who forsakes their family and home for His name’s sake?

(v30) What conclusion does Jesus make at the end of this passage. What does He mean? Discuss.

JESUS PROMISES TO REWARD THOSE WHO SACRIFICE EVERYTHING FOR THE SAKE OF THE GOSPEL.

Application - Salvation can't be attained by doing good deeds, nor can it be secured through wealth or status. Rather, it comes through sacrifice and surrender. The love of money, possessions, and prominence are often hindrances to true repentance and salvation. People who seemingly have everything don't realize their need for Jesus. Those with less are more likely to acknowledge their dependence on Him. Thus, the first shall be last and the last first. What stands out to you in this morning's lesson?