



“If I Were a Rich Man!”

Mark 10:17-27 ♦ Pastor Jim Lennon
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Introduction – *Jesus’ encounter with a rich, young ruler calls into question what it means to really be wealthy.*

I. Discover What is Missing.

- A. The young man seems to have it altogether, but deep down he knows that he is missing something, so he asks Rabbi Jesus for His counsel.

- B. Jesus accepts the fact that he has lived righteously but tells the man that he is missing only one thing.

- C. He must trust in Jesus alone as His Savior and Lord.

- D. In order to do that he must relinquish the one thing he looks to for his security and salvation (wealth) and give it to the poor, and then he can follow Jesus.

II. Decide Who and What Is Really Good.

- A. Jesus helps the young man see that God was his boss, but not his Savior.

- B. The young man was grieved and walked away from Jesus. He couldn’t walk away from his money.

- C. The same word used to describe this young man was used to describe Jesus under different circumstances.

- D. Only Jesus has the power to fill the emptiness within.

Conclusion