



## **SERMON NOTES**

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Scripture: Luke 18:18-27 (NAS)

Topic: "How Do We Enter His Kingdom?"

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18 A ruler questioned Him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"  
19 And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone.  
20 You know the commandments, 'DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, DO NOT MURDER, DO NOT STEAL, DO NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS, HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER.'"   
21 And he said, "All these things I have kept from my youth."  
22 When Jesus heard this, He said to him, "One thing you still lack; sell all that you possess and distribute it to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."  
23 But when he had heard these things, he became very sad, for he was extremely rich.  
24 And Jesus looked at him and said, "How hard it is for those who are wealthy to enter the kingdom of God!  
25 "For 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 They who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?"  
27 But He said, "The things that are impossible with people are possible with God."

### **I. AN OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT THE GOSPEL**

- A. Mark Says He Ran To Jesus, Knelt Before Him
- B. Opportunities Like These Seldom Come
- C. Great Prospect
  - 1. Young
  - 2. Ruler
  - 3. Rich – extremely rich

### **II. THIS IS NOT WHAT WE WOULD EXPECT FROM JESUS**

- A. Have You Kept The Law?
  - 1. Not saved based on the Law
  - 2. Salvation is a gift
- B. He Addresses Money With A Prospective New Convert

### **III. WE LEARN FROM JESUS HOW TO DEAL WITH “GOOD PEOPLE”**

#### **A. Jesus First Clarifies What Good Means**

- 1. God is good
- 2. No man is good *Romans 3:10-12*
- 3. Jesus is good; He is God *Matthew 5:48; Isaiah 64:6*

#### **B. Jesus Shows The Young Man He Is Not Good**

- 1. He doesn't quibble with his false claim of keeping the law
- 2. He addresses a known problem
  - a. His love for money
  - b. His idolatry
- 3. He instructs him to sell all and give to the poor. *Galatians 3:24*
- 4. He shows him his sin

### **CONCLUSION:**

- 1. For anyone to come to Christ he must first see his sin.**
- 2. In evangelism the Law is rightly used to disclose sin.**