

AMAZING STORIES

Rich Ruler (Jesus)

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1. Rich man seeks eternal life

- Talks to Rabbi Jesus
- Righteous living
- Won't give up his wealth

¹⁸ Once a religious leader asked Jesus this question: "Good Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁹ "Why do you call me good?" Jesus asked him. "Only God is truly good." ²⁰ But to answer your question, you know the commandments: "You must not commit adultery. You must not murder. You must not steal. You must not testify falsely. Honor your father and mother." ²¹ The man replied, "I've obeyed all these commandments since I was young." ²² When Jesus heard his answer, he said, "There is still one thing you haven't done. Sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." ²³ But when the man heard this he became very sad, for he was very rich. **Luke 18:18-23 NLT**

2. Rich man rejects Jesus

- Wealth and riches are too important
- Salvation is more than works
- Jesus wants our hearts

²⁴ When Jesus saw this, he said, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the Kingdom of God!" ²⁵ In fact, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God!" ²⁶ Those who heard this said, "Then who in the world can be saved?" ²⁷ He replied, "What is impossible for people is possible with God."
Luke 18:24-27 NLT

3. Possessions and wealth can create a barrier to salvation

Next Steps:

- Commit to live righteously by treating people the way God wants me to
- Commit to surrender the most important things in my life to God: _____
- Commit to fight the pull of wealth by being generous: _____
- Read Luke 18:18-27 this week
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