

**Series "Behold Your King"**  
**"The Great Refusal"**  
**Matthew 19:16-26**  
**Part-86**

Matt 19:16-26; Mark 10:17-27; Luke 18:18-27

Matt 19:16

**We will look at 3 areas in our study:**

- 1. Verses 16-20 – The Serious Questions**
- 2. Verse 21 – The Specific Answer**
- 3. Verses 22-26 – The Searching Decision**

**1. Verses 16-20 – The Serious Questions:**

Matt 19:14

Mark 10:15

Matt 19:20 young man – literally: "one in the prime of life"

v. 22 – one who owned much property

Luke 18:23 he was extremely rich.

Mark 10:17 "a man."

Luke 18:18 a certain ruler

He came in earnestness - Mark 10:17

He came to the right source: to Him -

Mark 10:17

He came in Respect -

This Rich Young Ruler asks 3 questions of Jesus:

1<sup>st</sup> Question: what good thing shall I do that I may obtain eternal life?"

He had a superficial view of salvation - (Aorist tense - "one good thing.")

Had a superficial view of man -

Had a superficial view of sin -

Matt 19:17

Ps. 14:3

Rom. 3:20

Matt 19:18-19

2<sup>nd</sup> Question: He said to Him, "Which ones?"

James 2:10

Lev 19:18

Exodus 20:12-17

Romans 7:7-8

Gal. 3:24

Matt 19:20

Matt 5:27-28

3<sup>rd</sup> Question: what am I still lacking?"

## **2. Verse 21 – The Specific Answer:**

Mark 10:21

Ex. 20:3

What is Jesus saying?

1. All who desire to follow Him must take "the Vow of poverty?"
2. Was Jesus commending a life of Asceticism?

### **3. Verses 22-26 – The Searching Decision:**

Gal 5:14

Matt 19:23

Luke 18:24

Why is it hard for those with riches to enter the kingdom of God?

1. It enslaves -
2. It perverts values -
3. It keeps us from being helpless -
4. It keeps us from being teachable -

Matt 19:24

Needle - that literally means "the surgical needle"

Matt 19:25

Matt 6:19-21

Luke 16:13

The rich land owner – Luke 12:13-21 Rich man and Lazarus – Luke 16:19-31

1 Tim. 6:6-10

1 Tim. 6:17-19

Matt 19:26

#### **Application:**

1. Do we see ourselves utterly lost without Jesus Christ?
2. Do we see Jesus Christ as the ultimate Authority?
3. Is my relationship to God merely external? The Letter of the Law or the Spirit of the Law?
4. Have I given up my riches, privileges to follow Jesus Christ?