

MATTHEW

January 22, 2023

Matthew 19:16-26

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Mark 10:17-27

Luke 18:18-27

QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. Summarize your impression of the man who approached Jesus. (What are your observations?)
2. What are the implications of calling Jesus “Good Teacher” (Mark 10:17; Luke 18:18)?
3. What is the first way to enter into life identified by Jesus (v. 17)? What does Jesus mean by this? What does this require of the young man? (How is the Law a way of salvation?)

Take these Scriptures into consideration—

- James 2:10
- Romans 3:20

4. What do you make of the young man’s response (v. 20)? (What is his approach to the Law?)
5. What is the second way to enter into life identified by Jesus (v. 21)? What does Jesus mean by this? How is this different from the first way in v. 17? What does this require of the young man?

Take these Scriptures into consideration—

- Acts 4:12
- John 14:6

What does selling his possessions and giving to the poor represent?

6. What do you make of the young man's response (v. 22)?

Contrast his response to that of Saul of Tarsus (Philippians 3:7-11).

7. How hard is it for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God (vv. 23-24)? What does Jesus intend to demonstrate by this statement (c.f., 1 Peter 4:18)?

8. What do you make of the disciples' response (v. 25)?

9. What is the significance of Jesus' statement in v. 26? How does this relate to the entire incident?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

I will deny self this week by . . .

I will follow the Lord this week by . . .