

The Sad Rich Young Man

Matthew 19:16-26



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Gospel
according to
Matthew

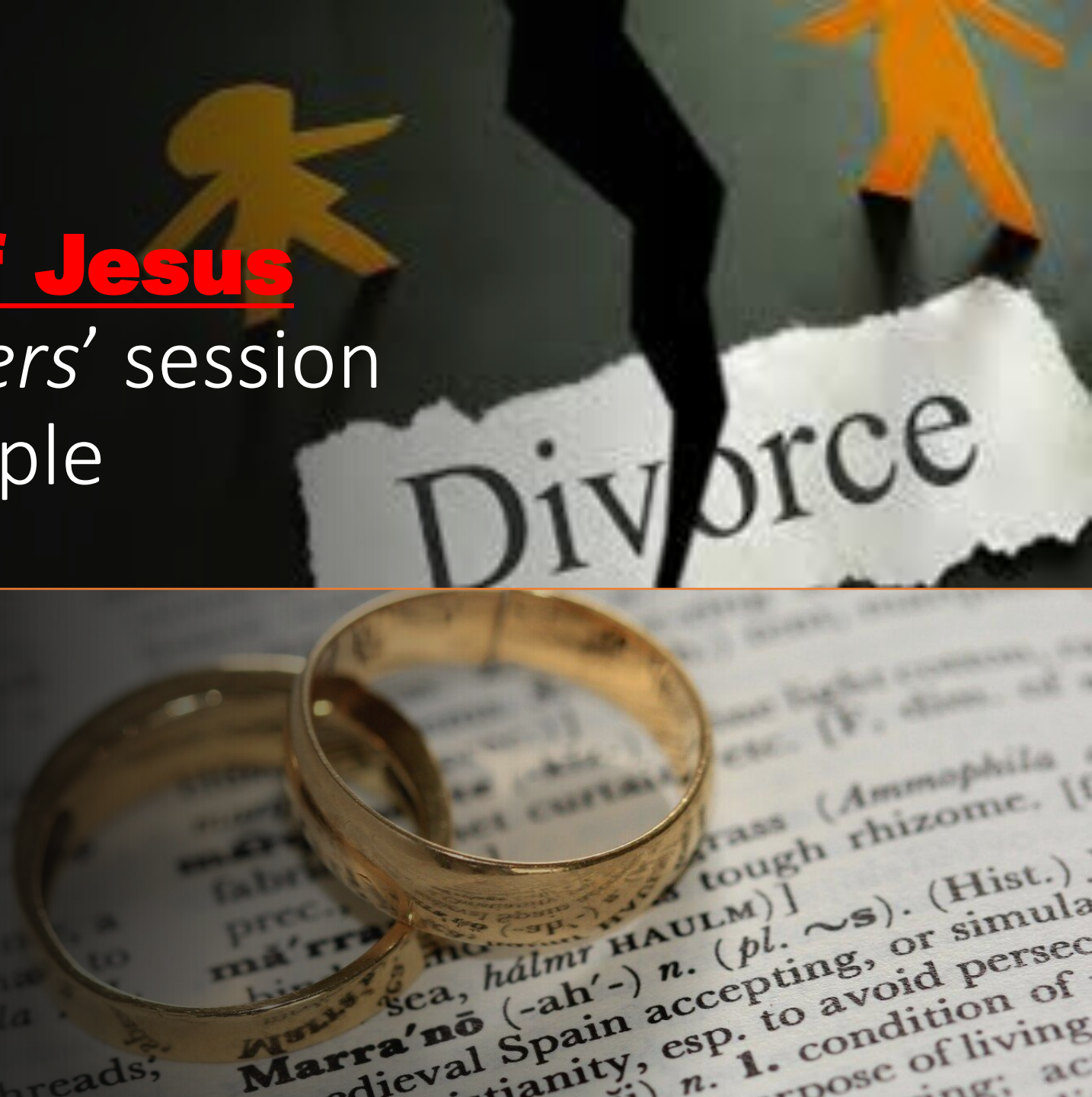


Matthew 19-20

More Teaching of Jesus

'Questions and answers' session
of Jesus with the people

Matthew 19:1-12 *Marriage, Divorce, and Singleness*



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**The Rich and the
Kingdom of God**

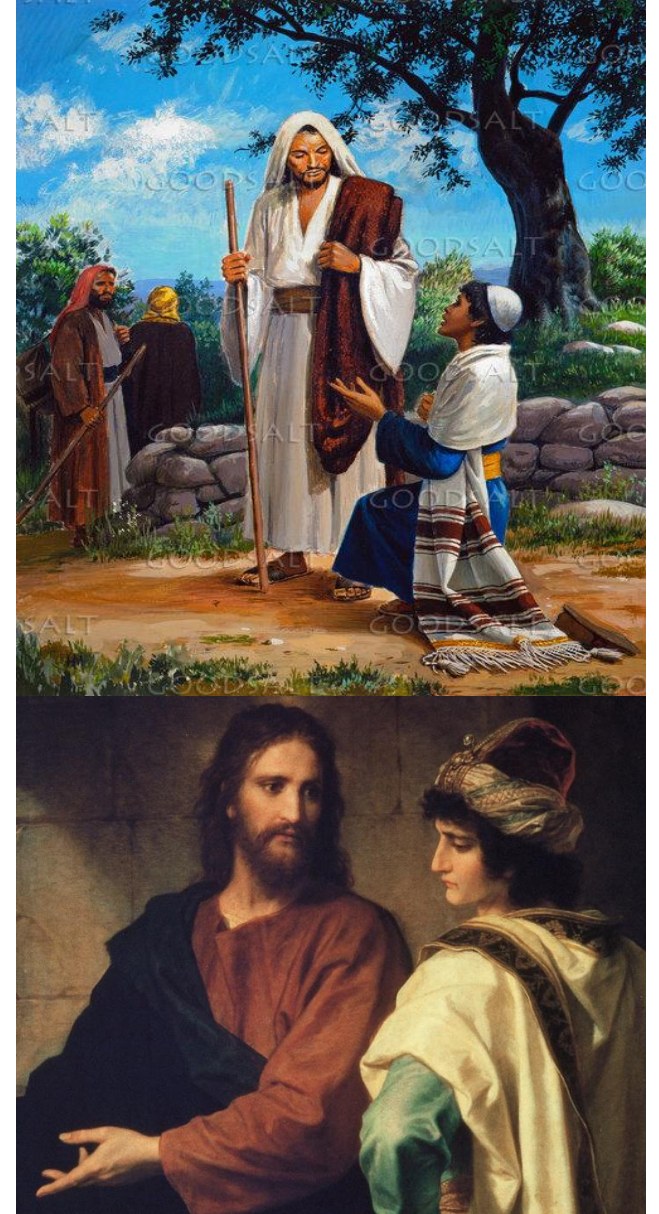
*“What good things must
I do to get eternal life?”*

**Rich man’s desire
for the eternal life**



Matthew 19:16-26

16 Just then a man came up to Jesus and asked, 'Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?' 17 'Why do you ask me about what is good?' Jesus replied. 'There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life, keep the commandments.' 18 'Which ones?' he enquired. Jesus replied, "'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, 19 honour your father and mother," and "love your neighbour as yourself.'" 20 'All these I have kept,' the young man said. 'What do I still lack?'



21 Jesus answered, 'If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.' 22 When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth. 23 Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'Truly I tell you, it is hard for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven. 24 Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' 25 When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished and asked, 'Who then can be saved?' 26 Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.'



**A man came seeking
the eternal life**

*'Teacher, what good thing
must I do to get eternal life?'*

**A young rich respectable
religious successful man**

**He was anxious,
eager and sincere**

He seeks it through the law



Jesus dealt with his problem: Self-confident and Self-reliance

‘Why do you ask me about what is good?’ Jesus replied.

**He did not understand
*‘what is good’***

His good was related to doing only (Mk 10:17 ‘good teacher’)

***Performance Driven
and Task Orientated***



**Jesus directed him
to the good God**

There is only One who is good.

**He was ignorant of
the good God who is
the source of good**

**Keeping the law
was his way of life**

*His relationship with God
was in a shamble!*

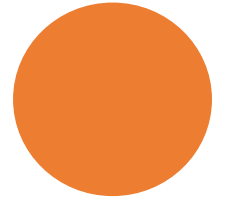


Jesus taught him with the law

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“You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, ¹⁹ honour your father and mother,” and “love your neighbour as yourself.”

**Jesus worked on his
heart of covetousness/greed**



**He was confident
and yet anxious**

***20 'All these I have kept,'
the young man said.
'What do I still lack?'***

**His Heart was
not at peace**

He was still unsure



Jesus diagnosed his root/heart problem

21 Jesus answered, 'If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.'

**Jesus revealed his heart
of misplaced worship**



**Jesus tested him with
first two commandments**

Exodus 20:3-4

*“You shall have no other
gods before me.”“You shall not
make for yourself an image...*

**Who is the idol
of his heart?**

Whom does he worship?

Money or God?



**Worshipping God, not law
keeping is the way of life**

*'I am the Lord your God,
who brought you out of Egypt,
out of the land of slavery.'*

**God is the source
for good work**

*If you know God,
love and trust Him,
you will obey His commandment*



**He failed and
was disappointed**

***22 When the young man
heard this, he went away sad,
because he had great wealth.***

Money was his god

Worship money not God

Put his trust in money not God

His focus and priority

in life was misplaced

Work & Money not Relationship



**He walked away a
rich sad man, a sinner**

Wealth possessed him

*Imagine a rich man sad
because of his riches!*

His wealth held him back

The pursuit of wealth and
over self-confident hinder
him to believe, commit,
and trust God to follow Jesus



A Parable

The danger and power of love of money for the rich

²⁴ Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.

No one can earn or pay its way to gain eternal life



It is possible with God!

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**When you believe! By Grace
Through *Faith in Christ Alone***

**Believe in Jesus, put your
trust in him and follow him**





THE COST OF FOLLOWING CHRIST |

How about us?

Who or what is the treasure of your heart?

Would you give away the idol of your heart?

**Would you say, “Yes, Lord,”
or would you head for the door, weeping?**

**Jesus
the Good and
Gracious King!**

Mark 10:21

*Jesus looked at
the rich young
man and loved him*

**Impossible for man
to enter the kingdom
But possible though
Christ on the Cross**





Rejoice & be thankful we are saved by grace

Worship God Only!

Give Our Hearts Completely to Jesus

**Know our treasures are in heaven and
set our eyes on things above and follow Jesus**

***Come Follow Jesus
Love and Serve Him
The Good & Gracious King!***



Live the Eternal Life of Knowing God and Jesus