

PORTRAIT OF THE KING

“Have You Left Earthly Treasures for the Treasure?” (Matthew 19:16-29)

INTRODUCTION

- *KEY POINT:* We cannot follow _____ without paying a _____.
- Cf. II Timothy 3:12

EXPOSITION – How Can We Be Sure That We Know Jesus as Lord and Savior?

A. By Loving Jesus _____ (vs. 16-26)

1. “What good things must I do?” (vs. 16-17)

- This man was a rich (vs. 22), young, (vs. 20) ruler (Luke 18:18) – probably from the Sanhedrin.
- We cannot do enough good deeds to merit salvation (Matthew 5:48).

2. “Which commandments?” (vs. 18-19)

- Obedience doesn’t save; obedience proves salvation. Eternal life depends on Jesus; Jesus’ obedience on our behalf (II Corinthians 5:21).

3. “What do I lack?” (vs. 20-22)

- Contrast the response of the rich, young ruler to Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-9).

4. "Who can be saved?" (vs. 23-26)

- Jesus is not saying that the wealthy cannot be saved (e.g., Job, David, Solomon, Abraham).
- Jesus is not saying that money is bad (I Timothy 6:10).
- We should not put our identity in our riches (I Timothy 6:17-19).

B. By Loving Jesus _____ (vs. 27-29)

- The disciples had done this (Philippians 3:8).

CONCLUSION - 4 Questions to Test Whether Your Love for Jesus Is Supreme

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

TAKE IT A STEP FURTHER

- 1) Make a list of examples of what you have given up to follow Christ.
- 2) Is that enough? What else are you holding on to?
- 3) Book Recommendation – *Christ Alone: The Uniqueness of Jesus As Savior* by Stephen Wellum