

JESUS AND THE RICH YOUNG RULER *from* MARK 10:17-22
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The rich young ruler asked the most important question anyone could ever ask – *What must I do to inherit eternal life?* Man in his sinful nature, like this young ruler, has rejected the answer given by Jesus Christ. This has resulted in the founding of more than two-thousand different religions, cults and religious organizations. The rich young ruler went his way without obtaining eternal life. At the final judgment, there will be many who will give testimony to the wonderful works they have performed as members of these different religions. Jesus will then say to them, *I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity* (Matt 7:23). There is only one way to have your sins forgiven and to gain everlasting life through Jesus Christ (John 3:16). Jesus said, *I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me* (John 14:6).

I. The Seeking Ruler (10:17-21)

A. What He longed for (10:17) – His Question

B. What He lacked (10:18-21) – His Qualifications

1. He has observed all of God's precepts (10:18-20)
2. He must abandon all his possessions (10:21)

II. The Sorrowing Ruler (10:22)