

## *Lesson #7 Jesus and a Rich Man*

**Appetizer:** When the rich young man in Luke 18 met Jesus, his wealth was called into question----and much more. His story prompts us to ask ourselves whether we will let anything other than God be number one in our lives.

**Main Course:** Read Luke 18:15-30

1. In this passage Jesus says many things which are hard to understand. Identify each one and tell why it's hard to understand.
2. The ruler asks the most important question of all (v. 18). Yet what false assumptions does his question reveal?
3. What is Jesus implying about himself when he says no one is good but God (v. 19)?
4. "All these I have kept" (v.21). Do you think the man was telling the truth or was he fooling himself? Explain.
5. The five commands mentioned are only a part of the Ten Commandments. Which ones did Jesus leave out (see Exodus 20:1-17), and how is that significant?
6. "You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give it to the poor" (V. 22). So far as we know, this is the only rich man who was told to do that. Why this command to this man?
7. When the man went away sad, Jesus said: "how hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!" (v. 24). Why is it so hard?
8. According to Jesus, salvation is not only "hard" but "impossible with men" (v. 27). Why?
9. Peter exclaims, "We have left all we had." What does Jesus' reply say about the so-called cost of following him (vv. 29-30)?

**Dessert:** Go back to Jesus' words about children (vv. 15-17). What light do these stories throw on each other?