

Expose' of IDOLATRY ► Sadness of sin

☒☒ Rich Young Ruler (R.Y.R.) grasps stuff: \$, status, power, etc. instead of Jesus

① What is at stake

☒☒ Context "receive the kingdom of Θ like a child shall not enter it." (vs. 17) ► R.Y.R. "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Jesus' confronts R.Y.R.'s use of "Good" as a social convention Joel Green and lists 5 commandments all having to do w. kinship and community relations; R.Y.R. affirms his obedience
THEN JESUS POUNCES W. HIS INTERPRETATION

1. Embraces biblical concern for the poor
2. Participates in Jesus Spirit-anointed ministry to the poor 4:18-19
3. Calls for a thoroughgoing rejection of concern w. status, honor + system of giving + receiving
4. Denotes identification w. Jesus who has no possessions Joel Green

What's at stake? Entering kingdom of Θ (17, 24, 29), Eternal life (17+30), Treasure in Heaven (22), Being Saved (26) Stakes are high!

② The sadness of idolatry

1. What idolatry is = a created thing that you value above your Creator as your chief good
Rich Young Ruler "was extremely rich" (23)

Examples

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Status | <input type="checkbox"/> institution | <input type="checkbox"/> relationship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Power | <input type="checkbox"/> ideology | <input type="checkbox"/> feeling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Person | <input type="checkbox"/> image | <input type="checkbox"/> Etc. |

Jenny = Gripping something vs. open hand

2. What idolatry does = worship and serve created things rather than the Creator Rom.

➡➡➡ What we worship ends up enslaving us!

R.Y.R. Examples

↳ "sad"

What's so sad?

3. Sadness of Idolatry

☰☰ Bible says that you and I are created for a Divine Romance. Idolatry is Spiritual Adultery. Before R.Y.R is Love Relationship w. Jesus God Incarnate but He grasps his \$ SEE SADNESS?

③ The thrill of Discipleship

☞ Peter "See, we have left our homes and followed you." (vs. 28)

1. So valuing Jesus, that in contrast, you have "left" everything for Him.
2. Entering into the reality and practices of another Kingdom "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house, or wife or brothers, or sisters or parents or children for the sake of the Kingdom of God, who will not receive many times more in this time, and in the age to come eternal life."

Have you grasped Jesus as your Chief Good?
How? How do I loosen my grip on my idols?

☑ See Jesus, Divine Lover, Incarnate, Living and dying on the Cross to forgive your spiritual adultery and break you free from your idols, to be His beloved forever 18:31-33

☑ See suffering and sadness your idols cause J