

Who Then Can Be Saved - Luke 18:18-26

Luke 18:15-17 is the context of Jesus' remarks to the disciples.

The Rich Ruler Was Interested in His Eternal Destiny 18:18 ...*Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?*

Mark 10:17 And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?

Jesus Made A Comparison of God and Man - 18:19 ...*Why callest thou me good? none is good, save one, that is, God.*

The Ruler Knew The Commandments - 18:20 *Thou knowest the commandments...*

Jesus Directed The Man To A Specific Set of Commandments - 18:20 *Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother.*(Commandments 5-9)

He Was A Good Man, Shown By His Actions - 18:21 ...*All these have I kept from my youth up.*

Matthew 19:20-21 The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet? Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me.

Jesus Knew What the Man Was Going to Say next - 18:22 ...*when Jesus heard these things, he said unto him,*

The Outward Action of the Commandment Is Different than the Application of the Commandment 18:22 ..*Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me.*

His Evaluation Contrasted with Jesus' Evaluation - 18:23 *And when he heard this, he was very sorrowful: Cf. Mark 10:22 And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions.*

Wealth should not be the basis for life decisions and eternity - 18:24 ...*for he was very rich.*

Wealth Affects Decisions Regarding Life - 18:24-25...*How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.*

The Logical Question Must Be Asked - 18:26 *And they that heard it said, Who then can be saved?*