Introduction: Our text for this lesson comes from Matthew 19.16-22; Mark 10.17-22; and Luke 1818-23. This is not a parable but an actual person who came asking Jesus a question. He asked a question that we should all be concerned with "What must I do to inherit eternal life?"

**I) Followed After Jesus**

**A) Often we notice the poor who were following after Him.**

1. Jesus spoke of the poor in numerous passages, **Matthew 5.3, Luke 7.22.**

**B) But there were well off people who came to Him**

1. Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea to name two.

2. The rich had in following Jesus, **Matthew 19.23-24**

**C) The poor and rich are in need of the Gospel**

**II) Followed After Jesus**

**A) There were people from all walks of life.**

1. Some were labeled as " " such as **Luke 7.37-39.**

2. But many were just common ordinary people who wanted to live their lives and be left alone.

**B) This young man was a good person.**

1. Both by what he had not done and what he had done: . **Matthew 22.39**

2. Most of us would classify someone like this as a really good person.

**III) Followed After Jesus**

**A) Jesus spent His time with the descendants of Abraham**, **Luke 4.16-21Matt. 10.6.**

**B) This man was religious man**

1. He had kept the Law of Moses

2. Jesus did not deny his claim of keeping the commandments from his youth.

**IV) Left Jesus Feeling Sad**

**A) This man left Jesus being sad, Matthew 19.22**

**B) John 6 a lot of people left Jesus**

**V) Application**

**A) Rich people**

1. Can be saved but they have many obstacles, **Matthew 19.25-2**6

2. We can either use our wealth and resources to serve God or they will be a burden, **1 Timothy 6.17-19** (Lydia was a rich woman who obeyed the Gospel)

**B) Good people**

1 They can be lost as this young man was, **Matthew 7.13-14**

2. Good people sin against God and are in need of Jesus' cleansing blood.

**C) Religious people**

**D) Some left sad and some rejoiced.**

1. This young man was sad? Why? Did he know he was lost?

2. Those who obeyed rejoiced, **Acts 8.**