



# The **Rich Young** Ruler

Matthew 19:16-22

# *So What?*

*What difference does this man's  
encounter with Jesus 2,000 years  
ago make in my life today?*



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Wrong Ideas About Salvation:

**#1) The Wrong JESUS**



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*What does the Bible say?*

**Matthew 16:13-17**

**Colossians 1:13-20**



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*C. S. Lewis*

*A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic—on a level with a man who says he is a poached egg—or else he would be the Devil of hell. **You must make your choice.** Either this man was, and is, **the Son of God**, or else a madman or something worse.*

*If Jesus isn't **God**, He isn't **holy**;  
If He isn't **holy**, He isn't **sinless**;  
And If Jesus isn't **sinless**, then His  
death is on the cross cannot  
and will not **atone** for our sin.*



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Erwin Lutzer

*Having faith in the wrong “Jesus” can lead you to your own **destruction**. So it’s important that your faith is a true faith, a faith based on the **true Jesus**.*

*A little bit of faith in the true Jesus is better than **absolute confidence** in a wrong Jesus.*

# Wrong Ideas About Salvation:

1) The Wrong JESUS

2) The Wrong **CONFIDENCE**



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*People seldom claim they are  
good enough to go to heaven,  
but they refuse to concede  
that they are bad enough not to.*



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*What does the Bible say?*

Romans 3:19-20

Ephesians 2:8-9



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# Wrong Ideas About Salvation:

- 1) The Wrong JESUS
- 2) The Wrong CONFIDENCE
- 3) The Wrong **RIGHTEOUSNESS**



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*What does the Bible say?*

Romans 3:10-12

Romans 3:21-25

Romans 5:6-11

Titus 3:3-7



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*Paul David Tripp*

*To grasp the total devastation  
of sin and still think  
I can **perform my way into**  
**acceptance with God** has to be  
the most **insane of all delusions.***

*When I think I am  
**more righteous than I am,**  
I start believing that I'm not as  
hopeless as God says I am.*

# Wrong Ideas About Salvation:

- 1) The Wrong JESUS
- 2) The Wrong CONFIDENCE
- 3) The Wrong RIGHTEOUSNESS
- 4) The Wrong **RESPONSE**



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*Jesus let him go!*



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*The Rich Young Ruler is  
like many people today who  
see Jesus for what He can  
**add in their life**  
and not for what Jesus can  
**transform in their life.***



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*What about you?*