“TREASURE IN HEAVEN”

Matthew 19:16–30

Key Verse: 19:21

1. What did a man ask Jesus? (16) What does his question show about him? How did Jesus reply? (17) Why do you think he first directed the man to think about God, who alone is good? Why did he tell him to keep the commandments?
2. How did the man respond, and why? (18a) What did Jesus teach him? (18b,19) Why do you think he mentioned only these commandments? What did the man say? (20) Note that he is now described as “young.” What do these things show about him?
3. Read verse 21. Why did Jesus challenge this young man to sell his possessions and give to the poor? How would his promise of “treasure in heaven” help him? What would it mean for this young man to “follow” Jesus? How did he respond, and why? (22)
4. What did Jesus then say to his disciples? (23,24) Why do you think he repeated this and used a hyperbole? Why is it so hard for rich people to enter God’s kingdom? How did the disciples respond, and why? (25) Read verse 26. What can we learn from this?
5. How did Peter react, and why? (27) What special promise did Jesus give the Twelve? (28) What did he promise all who follow him? (29) What does it mean to leave these things for Jesus’ sake? To receive a hundred times as much? To have the conviction of eternal life? Read verse 30. Why did Jesus say this to his disciples and us?