
ALL IN

BUT

Matthew 19:16-30

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Rich
Young
Ruler -
Matthew
19:16 -
22

Peter and
Disciples -
Matthew
19: 23 -
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- Received the Right Answer
- Did the Wrong Thing

PETER & DISCIPLES

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RICH YOUNG RULER

- Good Disciple Criteria

- **Young – Matt 19:20, 22**
- **Ruler/Leader – Luke 18:18**
- **Wealth, Great procession/Rich – Mark 10:22, Luke 18:23, Matt 19:22**

RICH YOUNG RULER

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- **Public Endorsement?**
- **Personal Fulfilment?**

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- **“Teacher, what good deed must I do to have Eternal Life” Matt -19:16**

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- **“Why do you ask me what is good? There is only one who is good. If you would enter life, keep the Commandants.” – Matt 19:17**

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- **“You shall not murder,.. commit adultery,.. steal,.. false witness,.. Honor your father ad moth, and you shall love your neighbour as yourself. ” – Matt 19:17**

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- **“If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasures in heaven and come follow me.” – Matt 19:21**

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- **“Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.” – Matt 4:19**

PETER & DISCIPLES

- **Were the Right Person**

- **Then Peter said in reply: “See, we left everything and followed you. What then will we have?” – Matt 19:27**

PETER & DISCIPLES

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- What is Peter thinking? (a possible paraphrase)
- “He did not leave everything to follow you. But we did.”

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WIIFM = What's in it for me?!

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Lessons on Irony

RICH YOUNG RULER

- Irony #1

What he lacks is what he has,
He has too much

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PETER & DISCIPLES

- Irony #2

What they lose is what they gain,
They gain much more

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Open Hands



- Lack of Faith to Release
- Rich Young Ruler : a covetous spirit
- What do I lose?

- Lack of Faith to Receive
- Peter & Disciples : a calculative spirit
- What do I gain?





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- Rich Young Ruler
- First → Last

- Open Hands to Receive
- Peter & Disciples
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BUT

- What is your “BUT”?
- “All in” for Jesus : What is holding me back? What do I lose?
- “All in” for His Kingdom : What is holding me back? What do I gain?



JOHN SUNG

- Son of Methodist Pastor in China
- Left to study in USA at age 19
- Conversion Encounter
- Return to China
- Brought Gospel And Revival to Southeast Asia in 1930s
- All in. For Jesus and His