

Rich Man and Zack

RM: The other day I heard Jesus was coming to town. There were all these people who wanted to talk with him, but that does not matter. I walked right up to him, pushing aside anyone who was in my way. People know who I am. I am a very important and wealthy member of the community, so everyone knows my time is important.

When I got to Jesus, I knew he would be excited to see me. I looked at Him and said, "Good Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?"

He was kinda rude. He looked at me for a second, and said, "Why do you call me good. Only God is truly good." I was taken aback by his candor

Finally He answered my question by telling me how great I am. He said, you know the commandments: 'You must not commit adultery. You must not murder. You must not steal. You must not testify falsely. Honor your father and mother. Yadda yadda yadda'

Everyone was staring at me. I proudly responded, "I've carefully obeyed all these commandments since I was young."

I thought Jesus would want someone with my resources and likability, but he said to me. "There is still one thing you haven't done."

ONE THING I HAVEN'T DONE! Are you kidding me?

He then said to me, "Sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

Sell all my possessions? What is he thinking? I heard him make some snarky comment that it was too hard for a rich person to get to heaven. We couldn't even fit through an eye of a needle" What does he know anyway. I just walked away. I could never follow a leader like that.