

# The Vincennes Voice

*"...The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight..." (Matt. 3:3)*

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## THE LORD HAS NEED FOR YOU

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Do you recall Jesus entering Jerusalem for the last time? Do you also recollect His mode of transportation into the city of David? He entered the city upon a donkey. This animal was secured by two disciples who were instructed to say "The Lord has need of it" when asked why they were taking it (Lk. 19:31).

I say with assurance today the Lord does not "need" you to fetch a donkey for Him, but He does need you! As He is not physically here today, He relies on His people to fill the "needs" of the day.

**1) The Lord Needs You To Be A Good Influence.** Paul taught "none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself" (Rom. 14:7). That is, you and I cannot possibly live in this world without being some sort of an influence (good or bad) on others. Even when we die, we continue to be an example to those who are still living, as evidenced by Abel. Of him the Bible says, "By faith Abel

offered God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh" (Heb. 11:4). If the world cannot see Christ in you, where will they see Him (Gal. 2:20)? The Lord needs you to be a good influence. Are you?

**2) The Lord Needs You To Teach His Law.** Yes, Christ has a law to which all the world owes its allegiance and obedience (I Cor. 9:21; Gal. 6:2). Jesus the Christ needs His people to spread His message, a message of love (I Cor. 13:1-4), a message of hope (Rom. 8:24-25) and a message of warning (I Pet. 4:17). After all, some of His final words were, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28:18-20). If you do not teach

the lost about Jesus, who will? The Lord needs you to teach His Law? Are you?

**3) The Lord Needs You To Worship In Spirit And Truth.** The Bible calls for men to "worship him in spirit and in truth" (Jn. 4:24). In fact, Jesus said "the Father seeketh such to worship him" (Jn. 4:23). Since worship can be in "vain" (Matt. 15:9), it is up man to ensure his worship is spirited and in accordance with the Lord's commands. If the world does not see you worshipping in spirit and truth, where will they see it? The Lord needs you to worship in this fashion. Are you?

The Lord needs you today, not tomorrow, not next week, not next year. The Lord needs you now, not when it is most convenient for you or when you finish "sowing" oats of the wild variety. The Lord needs you now! Remember, today and now is the time to do right (II Cor. 6:2). The only remaining question is, will we answer His call? Will you meet the Lord's needs?

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# GOOD THINGS ABOUT THE RICH YOUNG RULER

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Near the conclusion of a conversation with Jesus, a certain man realized there was more to be done. So he asked a simple, yet profound question, “What do I still lack” (Matt. 19:20)? We know this man typically as the “Rich Young Ruler.” Even though this man eventually opted not to follow Jesus, there are still some good things we can learn from him. Consider these positive things about this ruler.

**1) He Came To Jesus Enthusiastically.** According to the text, Jesus did not approach this man, the man drew near to Jesus. Many today are waiting for an “experience” during which Jesus will miraculously come to them. Let the record reflect, Mark’s account of this happening sees this man “running” to Jesus (Mk. 10:17). Far too many are indifferent about Jesus. Far too many keep their distance from Jesus rather than desiring to be close to Him. If we want Jesus in our life, we must go to Him (Jam. 4:8). Have you?

## 2) He Asked A Great

**Question.** In fact, he asked the greatest question, “Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life” (Matt. 19:16)? We ask a lot of questions in this life, some of which are very important. None, however, are more important than asking what needs to be done in order to gain salvation. A jailer once asked, “what must I do to be saved” (Acts 16:30)? Too many times, we fail to ask significant questions in the name of pride. Be willing to ask these great questions. Will you?

**3) He Knew Of And Kept The Law.** By his own admission, this man was one who obeyed the law (Matt. 19:20). In order to obey the law, one must know it. Though you and I do not follow the Law of Moses today, we absolutely owe our allegiance and obedience to the law of Christ found in the New Testament (I Cor. 9:21; Gal. 6:2). Always remember, a lack of knowledge will lead to destruction (Hos. 4:6). Study diligently (II Tim. 2:15).

## 2) This Man Was

**Humble.** His humility was seen in his asking “What do I still lack?” He realized though he had kept the law, there were other things about which he needed to be concerned. We need to adopt the same attitude on a daily basis, to realize those things we have left undone, to recognize and admit our imperfections, to be sure we are working towards being the complete person God expects (Col. 4:12). He, too, displayed humility in kneeling before the Lord (Mk. 10:17). The Holy Book reminds its readers, “Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time” (I Pet. 5:6). Are we humble enough to accept the entirety of the Lord’s teaching?

On this day, let us each appreciate the fact we very well may be lacking in certain areas. Let us go to Christ and to His word, find what is lacking and make the necessary applications and changes. Today, “Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves” (II Cor. 13:5).

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### WEDNESDAY

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