

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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“...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 RICH YOUNG RULER” by Larry R. Ping II

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.

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).

2) He Asked A Great Question. In fact, he asked the greatest question — “*Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life*” (Matthew 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*” -continued-

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BIBLE READING QUESTIONS

The Bible reading for Apr. 9-Apr. 15 spans Exo. 13:1-Exo. 22:17.

Answer the following questions based upon your reading.

- 1) What did Moses take with him on the journey (Exo. 13:19)?

- 2) “And the children of Israel went into the _____ of the sea upon the _____ ground: and the waters were a _____ unto them on their _____ hand, and on their _____” (Exo. 14:29).
- 3) The waters at Marah were _____ (Exo. 15:23).
- 4) “Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the _____ in Horeb; and thou shalt _____ the rock, and there shall come _____ out of it, that the people may drink” (Exo. 17:6).
- 5) God carried His people on _____ wings (Exo. 19:4).
- 6) “Thou shalt not bow _____ thyself to them, nor _____ them: for I the LORD thy God am a _____ God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that _____ me” (Exo. 20:5).
- 7) What penalty is there for a thief dying in the act (Exo. 22:3)? _____

READING SCHEDULE AND MEMORY VERSES FOR THE DAYS OF APR. 9-APR. 15, 2023.

April 9, 2023: Exo. 13:1-Exo. 13:22

April 10, 2023: Exo. 14:1-Exo. 15:19

April 11, 2023: Exo. 15:20-Exo. 16:26

April 12, 2023: Exo. 16:27-Exo. 17:16

April 13, 2023: Exo. 18:1-Exo. 19:25

April 14, 2023: Exo. 20:1-Exo. 21:15

April 15, 2023: Exo. 21:16-Exo. 22:17

“But the children of Israel walked upon dry land in the midst of the sea; and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left” (Exo. 14:29).

“I know, O LORD, that the way of man is not in himself, that it is not in man who walks to direct his steps” (Jer. 10:23).

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