

**The Rich Ruler, Luke 18:18-29, NRSV**

<sup>18</sup> A certain ruler asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

<sup>19</sup> Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>20</sup> You know the commandments: 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; Honor your father and mother.'"

<sup>21</sup> He replied, "I have kept all these since my youth."

<sup>22</sup> When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "There is still one thing lacking. Sell all that you own and distribute the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."

<sup>23</sup> But when he heard this, he became sad; for he was very rich.

<sup>24</sup> Jesus looked at him and said, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

<sup>26</sup> Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" <sup>27</sup> He replied, "What is impossible for mortals is possible for God."

<sup>28</sup> Then Peter said, "Look, we have left our homes and followed you." <sup>29</sup> And he said to them, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, <sup>30</sup> who will not get back very much more in this age, and in the age to come eternal life."

**Jesus Heals a Blind Beggar Near Jericho, Luke 18:35-43, NRSV**

<sup>35</sup> As he approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. <sup>36</sup> When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening. <sup>37</sup> They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by."

<sup>38</sup> Then he shouted, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

<sup>39</sup> Those who were in front sternly ordered him to be quiet; but he shouted even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

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<sup>40</sup> Jesus stood still and ordered the man to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, <sup>41</sup> "What do you want me to do for you?"

He said, "Lord, let me see again." <sup>42</sup> Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has saved you." <sup>43</sup> Immediately he regained his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, praised God.

**Jesus and Zacchaeus, Luke 19:1-10, NRSV**

**19** He entered Jericho and was passing through it. <sup>2</sup> A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. <sup>3</sup> He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. <sup>4</sup> So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way.

<sup>5</sup> When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today."

<sup>6</sup> So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. <sup>7</sup> All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner."

<sup>8</sup> Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much."

<sup>9</sup> Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."