

# The Centrality of Christ

MMBC

Women's Discipleship Class

# Rich Young Ruler

TABLE TALK :

The Rich Young Ruler

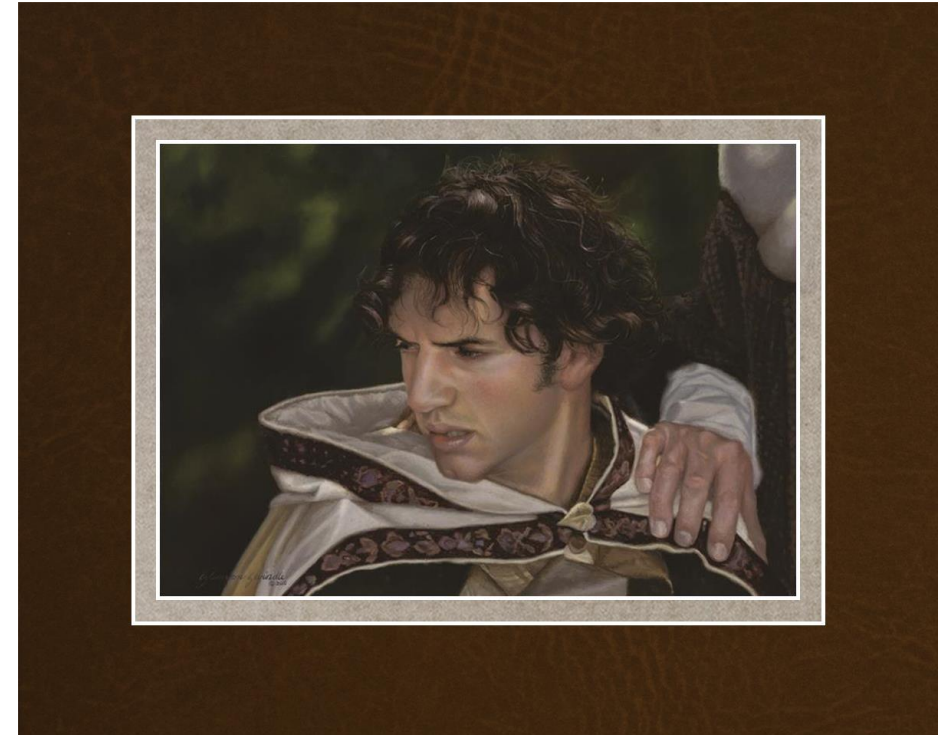
LUKE 18:18-23

Describe how you picture this young man?

What does the scripture say about him?

How did he identify himself?

What do you think motivated this young man?





Christians are people who have had a spiritual revolution placing Jesus at the center of their lives.

- Jesus paid for our sins
- Jesus has freed us from bondage
- Jesus has restored our relationship with God.
- Now we:
  - Follow Him
  - Do what Jesus did the way that He did it.

Review of His Lordship:

Philippians 2:2-11; John 1: Ephesians 1:3-14

Duality of His nature (Divine and Human)

Pre-existence and through whom the universe was created

Came to earth as an act of immense humility and obedience

Raised by God (through Holy Spirit) from the dead

Given the place of highest honor in heaven

Titled “Lord of Lords and King of Kings”

Deserving of the worship that God alone is worthy to receive

# LORD of ALL

For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.  
Colossians 1:16

Of Creation

Of Living and Dead

All Believers –the church

Angels

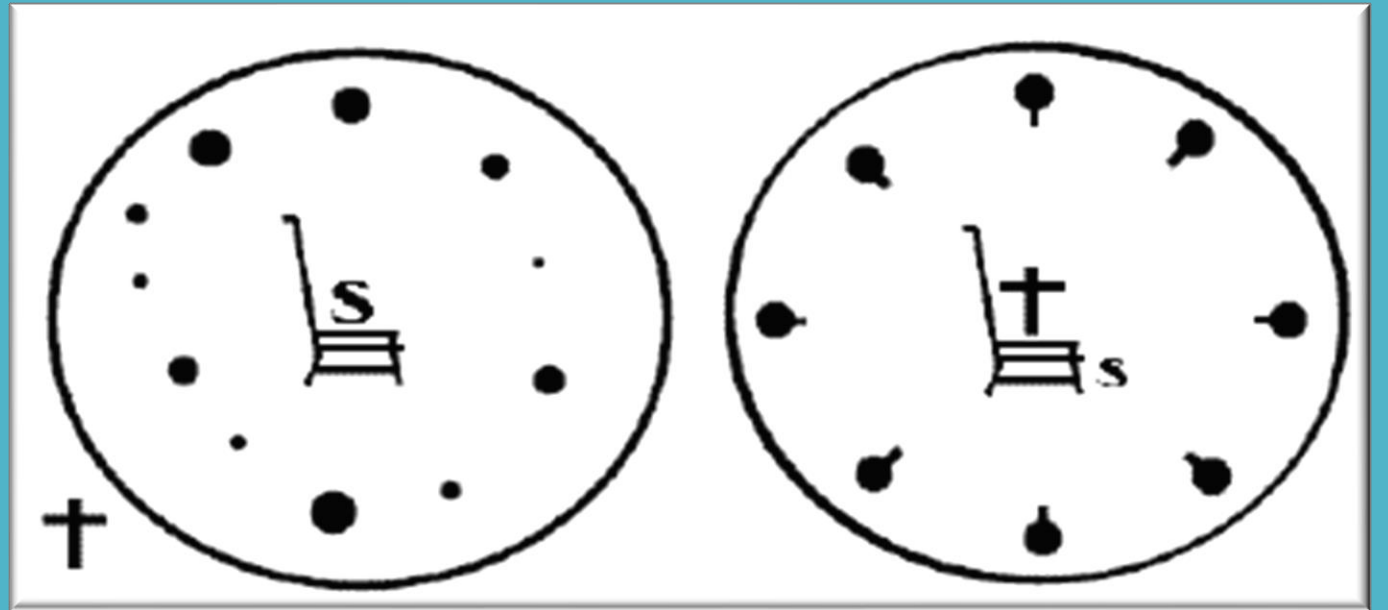
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Centrality of Universe: Copernican revolution

# Center of our Universe

Christ as our new center



His place in our lives decides everything else. Jesus is non-negotiable.

### NATURAL MAN

(Non-Christian)



### CARNAL MAN

(Christian who is not trusting in God)



### SPIRITUAL MAN

(Christian who is trusting God)



**h** = throne or control center

**+** = Christ, who is either: 1. Outside of life

2. In the life but off the throne 3. In the life and on the throne

● = various interests in life

ⓔ = ego or finite self





# Change in Identity and Control

Zacchaeus VS Rich Young Ruler


Luke 19; Luke 18: 18-23

What was their identity? What was the center of their identity?

What was their response to Christ?

Why is the realignment of our identity difficult or freeing?

“Christ becomes our Lord..by a decision..to trust Him totally...by daily practice of WILLING obedience. ...complete confidence in His loving protection.” (The Beginning, pg 25).



CHRIST IS LORD

***Lordship***

# CENTRALITY

## CHRIST IS CENTRAL TO MY IDENTITY

What are those identifiers for you: lifestyle, motivation, and view of yourself, friends, work, school, church

## CHRIST IS CENTRAL TO WHAT I DO?

What are the challenges to what occupies Christ as central to what I do?

What is the most freeing part of approaching life with the new perspective that Zaccheus discovered in Christ?

# Trust=Lordship

Trust in the Lord with all your heart,  
And do not rely on your own understanding:  
Think about Him in all your ways,  
And He will guide you on the right paths.  
Proverbs 3:5,6

**Trust...think and submit in all – Central  
in our living and decision making.**

# Learning to Follow and Trust

- Teachable posture
  - Necessary to understand our new identity in Christ
- Proper perspective on struggles
  - Lose sight of what Christ has done and is doing
  - How do you respond to circumstances? Trust? Or Struggle to maintain control?
  - Manage God and manage my life...
  - Who you believe you are = how you live.
  - Our identity moves us through the many struggles we face

# Grandfather's Story: Ken Davis, Comedian Be Bold Conference, 2022



**Luke 6:46**

**Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord;  
and not do what I tell you'"**

# HOMework

READ CHAPTER 5: WAY OF RELATIONSHIPS

MEMORIZE ROMANS 12:1,2