

# I Missed It!

(Matthew 19:16-22)

- Introduction:
1. Have you ever been in search of something or wanted to see something and at the last minute, you missed it?
  2. Ills. of the Georgia Dome implosion – November 20, 2017.
  3. In Matthew 19, a rich young ruler find himself at the right place, at the right time, but misses Jesus.
  4. Let's see why, and how it could happen to us, today.

## I. He Had The Wrong View Jesus

- A. He called Jesus, "Good Teacher" (Matthew 19:16).
- B. Jesus is far more than a good teacher, and in fact, attempted to help this man see this truth, by saying, "No one is good but God" (Matthew 19:17).
- C. Jesus is more than a "good teacher," he's the Son of God.
- D. Do you think if he recognized that, his response would have been different?
- E. Do you think if we recognize this truth, our response would be different?
  1. Be baptized (Acts 2:38).
  2. We can fall from grace (Galatians 5:4).
  3. We don't inherit sin from our fathers (Ezekiel 18:20).
  4. Divorce and remarriage (Matthew 19:9).

## II. He Had The Wrong View of Himself

- A. In answer to the question, "What good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?" Jesus told this rich young ruler to keep the commandments (Matthew 19:17).
- B. The rich young ruler asked for clarification about which commandments (Matthew 19:18-19).
- C. When Jesus answered by saying, "The ten commandments," this rich young ruler said, "All these things have I kept from my youth."
- D. (Romans 3:9-10; 23).
- E. Being self-deceived and blind to our own shortcomings will keep many people out of heaven.

## III. He Had The Wrong View of His Possessions

- A. When he was told to sell all that he had and give to the poor, he couldn't do it (Matthew 19:21-22).
- B. (Matthew 13:7).
- C. (Psalm 37:16).

- Conclusion:
1. Friends, don't miss Jesus.
  2. In fact, he is here today, pleading with you, accept his offer.